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ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

FAIR PLAY (East Grinstead).—We publish no anonymous articles.

DAVENPORT.—Last mail received states that Hegerty is still in Australia.

GEORGE CARTER, JUN. (Huddersfield.)—It will appear in THE MIRROR OF LIFE issue May 15.

J. BROWN (Jersey).—Sorry your article was crowded out last week. 2. If you wish to send gratuitously you can do so.

E. CARPENTER.—They are not brothers, or are they related.

L. H.—With six-ounce gloves.

OLD SUBSCRIBER.—About four years ago.

H. SEWELL.—F. E. Bacon, at Stamford Bridge.

J. L. N.—There are plenty of training quarters within easy distance of London.

G. CROSS.—The referee stopped the contest.

W. W.—Yes, several times.

J. HAYDEN.—The ship is in the Mediterranean.

T. JENKINS.—1,500 miles in 1,500 hours was completed by W. Gale.

C. WARD.—Thanks for letter.

W. F. HILL.—The earliest fistic champions were Figg and Broughton.

A. C. TAYLOR.—He trained at Brighton.

A. FODEN.—1. Dan Donnelly was knighted. 2. At Brighton.

G. HAWKINS.—The time was not taken officially.

O. G. J.—You are bound by the signed articles.

N. JONES.—The group will be published shortly.

A. REEVE.—There are plenty of good clubs you can join, or practice with friends.

C. NEWSON.—He has retired from the ring.

F. D.—1. Played with a full pack of fifty-two cards. 2. No.

W. HARRIS.—Kincsem, Barcaldine, St. Simon, and Ormonde were never beaten.

C. ANSELL.—623 miles 1,320yd were covered by G. Littlewood in six days, go as you please.

T. NELSON.—"Ring Records and Fistic Facts" will be sent to you, post paid, for sixpence.

W. J. G.—Tom Sayers died November 11, 1865.

SAM CLAPSHAW.—On one knee is considered down.

F. HIRDER.—Lord Lyons' Derby, valued at £7,550.

O. B.—He lost his life in the rapids of Niagara.

W. NEAL.—Winkfield's Pride, Funny Boat, and Bridegroom.

B. A.—At the Olympic, Birmingham.

M. A. P.—The money is added together and divided.

C. ANGEL.—1. Yes; forward the photograph you mention. 2. As early as possible.

H. WESTON.—It is under consideration.

N. E.—Yes, in France.

D. FARMER.—The horse has gone to the stud, and will not run again.

W. PAWSON.—Jem Belcher was champion in 1803.

J. HARE.—1. About 15s a pair. 2. Recommended.

H. DYER.—1. Epsom is an open meeting. 2. Only in the rings, of which there are plenty at all prices.

B. MORRIS.—The address is Eugene Sandow, St. James's Street, Piccadilly, London, W.

GEORGE MCINTOSH.—You should advertise for them.

A. PAGET.—The middle-weight is 11st 4lb heavy-weight any weight over that poundage.

W. COOKE.—Your question must be repeated; we have no knowledge of the letter referred to.

Several Answers crowded out.

DEATHS FROM MISADVENTURE IN THE PRIZE RING AS COMPARED WITH THE DEATHS FROM MODERN BOXING

OUR mind was much exercised last Sunday when reading a weekly paper, whose proprietary boast of a circulation of over one million, in the calendar of events the demise of a pugilist, whose death after a ring encounter could have had reality only in the pages of this journal, this same pugilist having died not many years since of extreme old age in his native place, Australia. This, coupled with a recent catastrophe in the boxing world—the fourth in the same number of years—induced us to lay before the readers of THE MIRROR OF LIFE a few facts in connection with the noble art and show the small number of casualties which have taken place when a much decried institution was in existence. There has been a terrible outcry about the brutality of pugilism; but if we go back to its origin nearly two centuries, when it was inaugurated to supplant the weapons then in vogue—

The vile stiletto and the murd'rous knife—

we shall find that only six deaths of well-known pugilists took place in that time. We are speaking of the prize ring as existing as an institution from A.D. 1700 to December, 1867, at which latter date pugilism became virtually a defunct institution. Owen Swift, who will be remembered as keeping the famous Black Horse in Oxenden Street, Haymarket, prior to that had a house in Titchborne Street, near the Regent Quadrant, a thoroughfare long since swept away by the improvements (?) made in this part. It was at this house in the Regent Quadrant that the match between Sayers and Heenan was inaugurated, and it was at this house that a gentleman offered to match a Scotchman less in weight than Tom Sayers to fight that hero. This was the latter end of the year 1859, when Sayers was regarded as invincible, and six months prior to his meeting with J. C. Heenan. A forfeit was at once posted, and the pugilist was found to be no less a personage than Bob Brettle, a glass-blower of Birmingham, who was born at Portobello, near Edinburgh. Brettle, who weighed only 10st 4lb, met Sayers, the latter staking £400 to £200, at Edenbridge, on September 20, 1859, when the champion won in a quarter of an hour. Well, it was this same Owen Swift, a pugilist just upon a par in physique with Jack Roberts, the boxer, who was responsible for the deaths of "Brighton" Bill (Phelps) and Anthony Noon. Owen Swift fought Anthony Noon (who, like Swift, was a native of the Holy Land, St. Giles) twice, at Colney Heath, near St. Albans, on March 27, 1832, when Anthony was beaten after sixty-five rounds were fought, occupying two hours and ten minutes. Two years afterwards Swift met Noon again at Andover, June 24, 1834, when, after seventy-four rounds, occupying two hours and six minutes, had been fought Anthony Noon was carried from the ring to a neighbouring farmhouse, when he never recovered consciousness except to ask whether he had won. Had the question been replied to in the affirmative we believe Noon would have rallied, but when it was replied to in the negative Anthony suffered a relapse, and died from "sheer vexation of spirit." Anthony had been heard to exclaim prior to the fight, "That if he did not win he would not care to live." Owen Swift's next fatal encounter was with "Brighton" Bill (Phelps). This fight took place at Royston, and Phelps, who was removed unconscious from the ring, died some time after at Barkaway. Swift, who had suffered six months' imprisonment for his mishap with Anthony Noon, did not care about standing a trial over this second misadventure, but escaped to France, where, under the patronage of the Marquis of Hertford, he fought Jack Adams. In 1839, however, Swift returned to London to stand his trial, when he was acquitted. Thus one man in the prize-ring, the mildest mannered bruiser of them all, was unfortunate to kill two men and make a record. Swift died early in 1879 in the Licensed Victuallers' Almshouses in the Old Kent Road. On December 11, 1855, Mike Madden met Jack Jones, which proved fatal to the latter. The match was made from Jem Ward's house, The Man Loaded with Mischief, in Oxford Street. On the night previous to the conflict Mrs. Ward dreamed that Jack Jones, of Portsmouth, (whose real name was Humphries, and who was at one time a publican at High Barnet, and took his designation, Portsmouth, from the hulks erected at that place where he had been serving a term of imprisonment), was brought home dead. The men fought at Long Reach down the Thames, and during the journey one of Jones's supporters fell from the deck of the steamer into the engine-room, and was dreadfully mangled. This occasioned the return of the party and the fight to be put off until the next day. Jones, who had the best of the fight throughout, suddenly fell senseless from Mike Madden's repeated blows under the ear. Madden was tried at Maidstone on March 14, 1856, for manslaughter and acquitted. It was on July 23, 1850, that Tommy Griffiths met Paddy Gill. In the annals of the prize-ring nothing occurred worse than the death of Tommy Griffiths. It was said that one of the Brooms (Harry and Johnny) "asked Tommy Griffiths a question." This asking a question meant asking a man with a winning chance to lose for the sake of the wagering. Griffiths, who thought he had a good winning chance refused, when one of his seconds placed an overdose of nicotine on the sponge which he placed in his principal's mouth, from which Griffiths never recovered. Whether this dose was intended only to render him helpless, we know not; but Paddy Gill was tried for manslaughter at the Kingston Assizes on March 27, 1851, and acquitted. The most tragic death was that of Simon Byrne, the Irish champion, who killed the Scotchman, Sandy McKay. Sandy was the best heavy-weight pugilist Scotland ever produced. Byrne and McKay met at Selcey Forest, Northamptonshire, June 2, 1830, and after fighting nearly an hour Simon was carried out of the ring insensible, and shortly afterwards died. The battle was for £200; and it will be seen what manner of men these were, when we say that the renowned Jem Ward, the afterwards champion of England, had forfeited to Simon Byrne. Byrne was tried for manslaughter at the Buckinghamshire Assizes and acquitted. Three years afterwards to, the very day, June 2, 1833, Simon Byrne met his death at the hands of "Deaf" Burke, when fighting for the championship. These men fought within a stone's throw of the Park Hotel, No Man's Land, where Jack Knifton, Tom Lees, Bill Goode, Alec Burns, Dan Creedon, Tom Tracey, and so many others trained. Simon Byrne was carried into a house formerly erected on this spot, where he died, as we have said above, on June 2, just three years almost to the hour, minute, and second, when expired the unfortunate Alexander McKay. Thus we see in over a century and a half the deaths that have taken place in the prize-ring through knuckle fighting might almost be counted on the fingers of one hand. To show how misleading is the information concerning deaths in the prize-ring in non-sporting papers, we read in "Lloyd's" (Sunday edition), under date April 29, "Bungaree, the Australian pugilist, died from injuries received in a fight wit Broome at Newmarket in 1842." Bungaree lived to fight many battles in England after his contest with Johnny Broome, eventually returning to Australia, one of his descendants forming one of the eleven of the players in a cricket team which visited England from the Antipodes some years since.

It seems strange that at an institution where everything is done to prevent boxing casualties four fatalities should occur in the same number of years. A doctor examines the men prior to hostilities, the ground is well padded to prevent injury from a knock-down blow, the bout is stopped when one man shows marked superiority over another, yet all this vigilance does not seem to avert the evil. There is a nasty practice among seconds when they receive the gloves for their principals of forcing the padding of the glove away from the knuckle portion, so that the man they are seconding shall have an advantage in the way of hard-hitting. This is most reprehensible, and should always be stopped. But notwithstanding, there is an element of danger in every game, we maintain there is less in boxing than in any other.

THE CRAGGS STARTED ON THEIR third tour round the world yesterday.

DISCOVERED IN THE WARDROBE.

It was only Jane's Cousin, and not a Burglar after all.

(Subject of Illustration.)

WHILE making a friendly call upon his cousin, the cook, during the absence of the family, and where the law was laid down that no followers were allowed, so that the sudden arrival of the mistress threw Jane, the cook, into nearly a fit. Where to hide her relative was the problem of the moment. Pushing her unwilling visitor into the wardrobe and locking him in was quickly executed. Then she descended to the kitchen, but loud screams aroused the household, and the lady, in a fright, half-dressed, called loudly for the police, who, on arriving, discovered Jane's cousin among the dresses. An explanation saved the unfortunate man from the lock-up, but all engaged in the affair received a fright they will not forget.

MARKED DOWN THE NAMES OF THOSE THEY KNEW.

A New Feature in Mrs. Nation's Saloon Campaign.

(Subject of Illustration.)

THE feminine element, headed by Mrs. Nation, have made a crusade against the saloon-keepers in Texas. Instead of smashing up the property they have devised a new idea. Groups of four visit the different public-houses, and seating themselves before the bar with pencils and paper, put down the names of those who frequent the houses, and by these means hope to raise the standard of temperance in the towns they visit. So far they have not gone outside their own State, but should the idea become general we may shortly expect to see several of our lady friends putting black marks against our "monikers."

TED DUFFETT.

A Clever 9st 6lb Lad Who Hails From Camberwell.

(With Portrait.)

THE following is his record: Won 6st 6lb and 7st competitions at Ted Hollier's; beat Harry Curran, Deptford, 3rds; beat Jack Pontefract, 3rds; beat "Darkey" Paulton, 2rds; beat Jack Harding, 2rds; beat Bill Locke, 8rds; and the second time in 1rd; beat Frank Turner, 3rds; beat "Darkey" Harrison, 2rds; beat Charley Brigden, 8rds, Drill Hall, Woolwich; beat Jack Emblem, 6rds; fought "Ray" England, fight stopped. Fulfilled a week's sparring with the "Coffee Cooler," at the Camberwell Music Hall; beat Bill Hough, of Bermondsey; winner of National Sporting Club 9st 6lb competition in 6rds.

A CLEVER ROBBERY FROM A MAIL TRAIN.

The Thieves Caught After a Long Chase.

(Subject of Illustration.)

A CLEVER robbery is reported on the Canadian and Pacific Railway. While the train was running at full speed an armed desperado entered the guard's van, revolver in hand, and before the three men in charge of the valuables could raise an alarm he called upon them to throw up their hands. While powerless to protect themselves a confederate entered and abstracted valuables to a large amount. Some distance from the terminus the thieves dropped off, but on a hue and cry being raised the chase began, and ended with the capture of the thieves after a desperate struggle.

VISITORS TO "THE MIRROR OF LIFE" OFFICE.

AMONG the prominent people who have visited us this week are:—

Mr. Bert A. Dorman (Boston, U.S.A.).
Sammy Kelly (New York, U.S.A.).
Harry Harris (Chicago, U.S.A.).
A. McIntyre (American Jockey).
Ernie Plummer.
F. Philpot.
Jack O'Brien (Philadelphia).
Charlie Pendley.
J. M. Lewis.
Alf Banister.
W. G. George (ex-champion ped.).
Joe Parkes (Smithfield Market).
Alf Slater ("Old Skiddy").
Bob Start (brother of Jack Start, trainer to Slavin).
Jack Farley.
Dan Sullivan.
Eddy Pearce.
Jack Watts (M.C.).
Mrs. Jack Watts.
Jem Watts.
R. Burton.
E. Waterman.
S. Harper.
J. Harper.
J. Morris.
Bob King.
T. Roeley.
H. Adams.
Woolf Bendoff.
"Pedlar" Palmer.

AMERICAN GOSSIP.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

New York, April 20, 1901.

The Editor Mirror of Life, London.

At Shamokin, Pa., Jack Bonner, of Philadelphia, made Lon Beckwith, the coloured middle-weight of Athens, Pa., quit in the early part of the fifth round at the Twentieth Century Athletic Club. It was to have been a fifteen-round go for a purse of £200, the winner to take 75 per cent. of the gate receipts and the loser 25 per cent. Beckwith weighed in at 158lb, while Bonner was three pounds heavier. After one minute of fighting in the first round Bonner sent a right swing in over Beckwith's left eye, badly lacerating it, causing blood to temporarily blind him. In the next round Bonner landed three terrific body blows. The third round was the coloured man's, owing to his landing a right swing over Bonner's eye, which badly bled. The latter went on his knees and took the full count. The remainder of the round he fought cautiously, Beckwith trying hard to land a knock-out. In the fourth round Bonner rained rights and lefts on his opponent's face and body, and owing to the negro's injured eye again bleeding freely he was greatly handicapped. He became groggy at the close of the round, but recovered in time to start the fifth. As soon as the men faced each other Bonner sent two right-hand swings against Beckwith's head, jarring him so badly that he staggered towards his corner. His second, Harry Pepper, from San Francisco, threw up the sponge.

Jem Corbett has retired from pugilism again. He says that it is his final resolve, and that never again will he don a pair of gloves in public. His monologue act is responsible for his turn of mind, for he says he has made the hit of his life with it, and now neither runs the chance of getting hurt himself or of hurting anybody else. "I wish to announce to the public that I will never fight again," begins the ex-champion. "I am making a big hit with my monologue act that I am booked for the entire summer season. I also appear at private clubs and residences where an ordinary pugilist could not enter. I'll never even spar an exhibition again. This is on the level, and no bluff. I wanted to fight Jeffries for the championship, but as he says he'll never meet me I'm through. Besides, acting is more enjoyable than fighting."

Poor old Peter Jackson, the nigger hero of many battles, is slowly dying of consumption at Sydney, Australia. Sam Fitzpatrick has received a letter from a friend in the Antipodes, in which the big negro's condition is explained. The letter says that Jackson is fast wasting away, and is weak and helpless. He is unable to care for himself, and is depending on the charity of his friends. A physician who has been taking care of him says his case is hopeless. Fitzpatrick has been requested to ask Jackson's old friends to lend him their aid, for he is sorely in need of it now.

At Memphis, Tenn., Dan Creedon, of Australia, showed his old-time form, and stopped Jemmy Handler, of New Jersey, in less than half a minute's fighting in the first round. The fight was scheduled for twenty rounds. There was practically but one blow struck, a left hook to Handler's jaw, and the Jersey man went down for the full count. He managed to regain his feet, but was so weak that Creedon easily floored him again. Handler was unable to rise.

At Hot Springs, Ark., the fight between Jemmy Scanlan and Al Weinig lasted but seven rounds. Early in the contest Scanlan appeared to be the winner, but it was plainly evident that Weinig had the advantage in reach and weight. A feature of the latter's fighting was his straight jabs instead of swings. The fight was given to Weinig.

At Lawrence, Mass., George Dixon, the ex-champion light weight, and his sparring partner, William ("Sun") Ash, were arrested at the Casino Theatre. They were charged with promoting a boxing exhibition. Theodore Flowers and William Robinson, the managers of the theatre, were also placed under arrest, charged with maintaining a boxing exhibition.

At Manchester, N.H., George Gardner, of Lowell, and Tim Hurley, of Susquehanna, Penn., met for a fifteen rounds bout in this city to-night. Hurley's seconds threw up the sponge after the fifth round, their man never having been really in the game.

THE TATTLER.

NAT SMITH.

Matched to Meet Dick Lee in a 15rds Contest.

(*With Portrait.*)

Nat Smith, who is a carpenter by trade, is a boxer first and a carpenter afterwards. "Natty" has won several prizes; was successful in winning a handsome bicycle as his club prize and several open competitions. "Natty" entered for all the principal amateur boxing events before he turned pro. "Natty," on December 14, 1896, won the German Gymnastic gold medal. Beaten by Bill Wood, of Clapton, 4rds; beat Harry Harry, of Bristol, 18rds; beaten by Jack Roberts, 20rds; beat Harry Maurer in 8rds; beaten by Will Curley, 20rds; beaten by Jack Gibson in 14rds; beaten by Jack Roberts, 2rds.

BOXING INSTRUCTOR'S REMARKABLE CAREER.

(Specially Written.)

NEW YORK, APRIL 13. — Men who frequented the boxing clubs while the law in this State permitted glove contests frequently came in contact with Professor James de Forest, who generally acted in the capacity of second for some pugilist of renown or looked after a fighter's interests "on the door." But few of these men knew that this modest young man had a history so remarkable because of its sensational features that parts of it seem incredible. De Forest became noted in the boxing world several years ago as the trainer and second of "Kid" McCoy. He also handled Jemmy Barry, once bantam champion of America, and brought into public notice Billy Rotchford, "Kid" Harris, and Jack Everhardt. In appearance De Forest never looked the athlete that he is, because of his slight build and thin face. But when he strips he can show a set of muscles that go to prove his worth. He is now one of the best boxing instructors in America, is a teacher of school gymnastics, and is an expert in physical training.

De Forest is only thirty years old, yet he has seen service for a man twice that age. He comes from the noted De Forest family of aerial performers, and for many years was attached to the Barnum and Bailey show. To-day James is the only living member of this family of acrobats, all of the others having been killed in the performance of their duties. De Forest was born under canvas. At that time his father, mother, three brothers, and two sisters were known as the best lofty performers in the profession. When he was ten years old James was performing on the centre bar in mid-air with his mother, while the other members of the family were doing the flying trapeze and other acts. This was at the Aquarium in London, and in those days they never had a net under them to prevent injury.

From London the family went to Paris, and the little fellow began diving into a net. The De Forests were the originators of this dangerous trick, and it created a sensation wherever it was tried. James began with a 75 ft. dive, and soon after he was making head-first leaps of 105ft twice a day. He also made a daring blindfold leap, being caught by his father in the air. Later a De Forest electrified New Yorkers by leaping from the roof of Madison Square Garden into a narrow strip of netting stretched across the floor of the arena below.

When the De Forests came to this country they travelled all over it, giving exhibitions of their skill, and then they went to South America. While in Buenos Ayres, a sister contracted fever and died. Her death was helped along materially by a severe fall she had sustained a few days before. That was the first accident, and there were more to come. It was not long after, in the same city, that a brother fell from a trapeze, and was instantly killed.

Shortly after the De Forests returned to England. While in Hamburg, Germany, James concluded to run away. He came to America without delay. He had learned to do the flying trapeze act, but when he got to this country he decided to stop that line of work and do something else. He got a job with the Barnum and Bailey circus under the name of "Kid" Woods, and was put to work tending the animals. Nobody knew he was a star performer, and James was contented with his lot.

In the meantime the father had been killed by a fall in Europe, so the remaining members of the family came here to join the "Greatest Show on Earth." One day the De Forests, before entering the dressing tent, took a walk through the menagerie. There they saw the long-lost James feeding the lions. They grabbed the boy at once, spanked him, and the next day he was flying through the air over the heads of thousands in the big tent. After that the family made frequent trips between here and London. The mother was the next one to be killed. She fell from a trapeze, and never regained consciousness. Another brother was killed at Keokuk, Ia. He tumbled from a bar suspended near the top of the tent, and broke his spine. The last sister got a fearful fall soon after at Chester, Pa. She struck an iron stake, which ran clear through her body, and killed her instantly. On the same day young James had a serious fall, too. He sprained an ankle, and broke a knee-cap. These accidents reduced the noted family to two members, James and his brother. They travelled around together for several years. In order to create unusual interest James made up as a woman, with blonde wig and painted cheeks. Then he did some marvellous flying leaps through the air to be caught by his brother, and as no women could do this trick at the time, "Miss Jessie De Forest" was a great attraction. James's make-up was so good that he received countless notes from lovesick dudes, and numerous boxes of candy, to say nothing of bouquets and baskets of flowers.

One day in Portland, Me., James lost his brother. The latter was doing the giant swing on an aerial bar when the wire snapped, and he plunged down fifty feet to the ground. He struck on his side. Seven ribs were crushed, and driven into vital parts. The poor fellow expired in the sawdust before medical aid could reach him. This left James to shift for himself. He was still fond of circus life, and promptly joined forces with Steve Randall, a well-known gymnast. They worked together for four months, James doing the flying trapeze leap, and Randall catching him by the hands, feet, and in other ways.

In Brockville, Canada, they were performing in a theatre. Randall had taken a couple of drinks which went to his head as he hung by his toes from the trapeze. As James came flying through the air full tilt, Randall shut his hands tight, and young De Forest shot on fifty feet through the air against a brick wall. Only presence of mind saved De Forest's life. He ducked his head, and landed against the wall with his shoulder. The shoulder and five ribs were broken, and the young man lay in the hospital helpless for eighteen months. Randall fled, and De Forest has never heard of him since. This accident convinced James that he was lucky to be alive, and he concluded to give up such work. He was a splendid boxer, and soon secured the position of instructor at the New Manhattan A.C. Later he looked after the students at Princeton Preparatory School, Morristown School, and only recently he drilled 700 children of the Hebrew Orphan Asylum in gymnastics. While acting as boxing instructor at the Princeton "Prep." School De Forest met with an unexpected obstacle. He weighs only 135lb, and is so slight that few would suspect him of being powerful. When he began giving lessons to the "Prep." boys he found that there was work ahead. One day, the biggest boy in the school, known as "The King," came to De Forest, and asked to be instructed. The professor went to work willingly. The student, who was a 200-pounder, cut loose, and knocked De Forest down. James got up, and, asking for fair play, proceeded to hand out the most scientific kind of a trimming. "The King" finally cried enough, and after that the professor received the utmost respect from his pupils.

A GREETING FOR THE NEW IMPROVEMENT.

The Ass Saluted with a Loud Braying.

(*Subject of Illustration.*)

The Illinois Central Railway in America, whose track skirts the Mississippi, has opened up a new section in Texas. It was here for the first time the inhabitants saw the monster engine run on a level track through the city, it, of course, being quite an event. The only opposition offered was the presence of a donkey, who saluted the approaching train with his musical braying, as if to inform those assembled that he did not object to the rival. The engineer put on the whistle full steam, and the shrill blast drowned the voice of Balaam's spokesman.

OUR LETTER BOX.

The following letters are now lying at The Mirror of Life office, and will be forwarded on receipt of stamped addressed envelope:—

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F. Leon (two).
Jim Holloway (South Africa).
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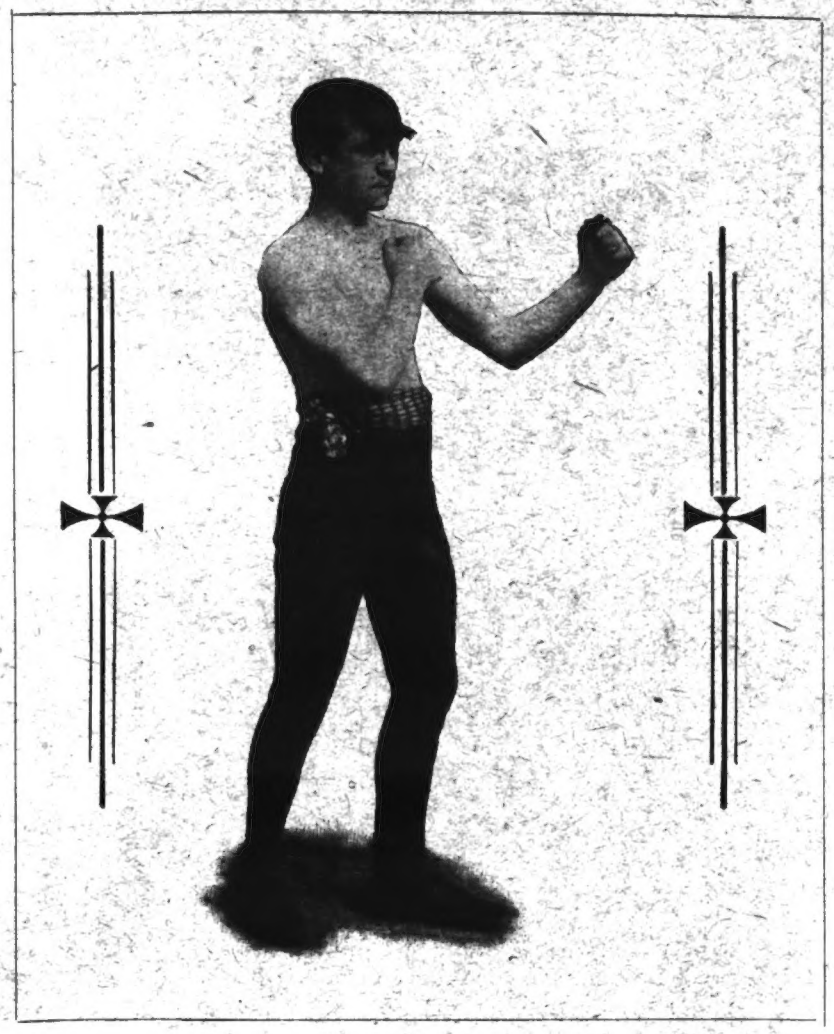
"I called in answ... ment for a boy," said a little chap to Mr. Goldstein, the owner, who was a bulky, red-faced man. He was about to leave his private carriage to enter the office when thus accosted. With him was a golden-haired little girl, who listened to the boy with eager interest. "Well, how old are you and where have you been working?" said the mill owner, looking at the lad sharply. "I came from the country, sir, where my mother and I worked in a small mill since father died. Now she is gone and so I came here to the big city hoping to find a better job." "Well, you are too young, and a boy that don't know the city is of no use to me. My advice is to go back to your former home," said Goldstein in a tone of dismissal of the subject, then he turned to his driver and said: "Take Miss Alice where she wants to go." The boy—Philip Martin by name—felt a lump rise in his throat and with a discouraged feeling walked listlessly down the thoroughfare. He had no home or friends and no shelter. Furthermore, he had spent nearly all his money in getting to the city. While meditating on what should be his next move he felt a gentle touch upon his arm and heard a sweet, low, childish voice say: "Never mind, here's a card with the name of my uncle on it, and he will give you work." Turning he saw again the face of the mill owner's daughter, Alice Goldstein. "It is all right," said she, "and never mind thanking me. I'd like the same thing happen to Will—that's my brother—if he was alone in a big city." Philip opened the paper containing the card and inside was a bright new half-a-crown. So unexpected was it all that as soon as the little Samaritan departed he burst into tears, whereupon some little fellows in passing called him "cry baby." Feeling very tired he sat down on one of the park seats intending to seek Alice's uncle when he had recovered his mental balance. He fell fast asleep and when he awoke the parcel which he brought from home containing a valuable recipe, a bible and his mother's photo had disappeared. Gradually, however, he thought of the little girl, of the card which bore the name of a possible employer and of his empty stomach. he thought of her and half-a-crown brought hope and comfort, so he proceeded to a restaurant and had his first square meal since arriving in the city. On leaving the place he again saw the Goldstein carriage and the fair Samaritan, who beckoned him to her side, and, much to his astonishment, held up the missing parcel, which had been stolen from him while asleep. Twenty years have passed since Philip Martin and Alice Goldstein met. During that time Phillip secured a good position and took up a study of medicine. He was now a prosperous physician, and one night was called into consultation, the case being that of a young man dying in squalor. As he entered the room his eyes met those of a beautiful young woman, who rose and extended both hands appealingly to him. "Do you not remember me?" said she; "do you not recall your first attempt to secure work in London." "Ah, indeed I do. Can this be the little Samaritan who saved me from despair? I tried in vain to keep track of you, but they told me you were travelling and I fancied you had settled down in married life. Maybe it is so!" "No," said she, "and I've done better by you, for I've followed your career these many years, and congratulate you on your great success with the Little Diamond Liver Pills." The doctor then listened to the painful story of the patient, who was the brother of Alice—the "black sheep of the family," who from boyhood had been alienated from his father and sister, was reinstated for awhile in his father's good graces, but later, through speculation, brought financial ruin and a suicide's end for the father. Dainty Alice, who had been supporting herself by teaching music, discovered his whereabouts, but too late, for he was at death's door. Dr. Martin on taking his leave said: "By the way, tell me how you found the parcel that day." "Well, I kept you in sight and so witnessed the act of the thief; and Jim, the coachman, made him give it up." As they stood talking Alice's eye fell on an old coin and a ring worn on the doctor's chain. The doctor read her thoughts and said: "Yes, that's the same coin, and it has been indeed a charm! There is my mother's photo, and, as you know, the recipe for the Little Diamond Liver Pills have saved many lives and reaped a fortune." They parted, but not before Alice's consent was given to his future calls, which resulted six months later in Dr. Martin's marriage to fair Alice. Prepared by the Little Diamond Liver Pill Co., 68, Stanmore Road, West Green, London, N. Price 1s. 1½d., per box of forty.—[Advt.]

FRED DUFFETT,
A Clever 9st 6lb Lad, who Hails from Camberwell.

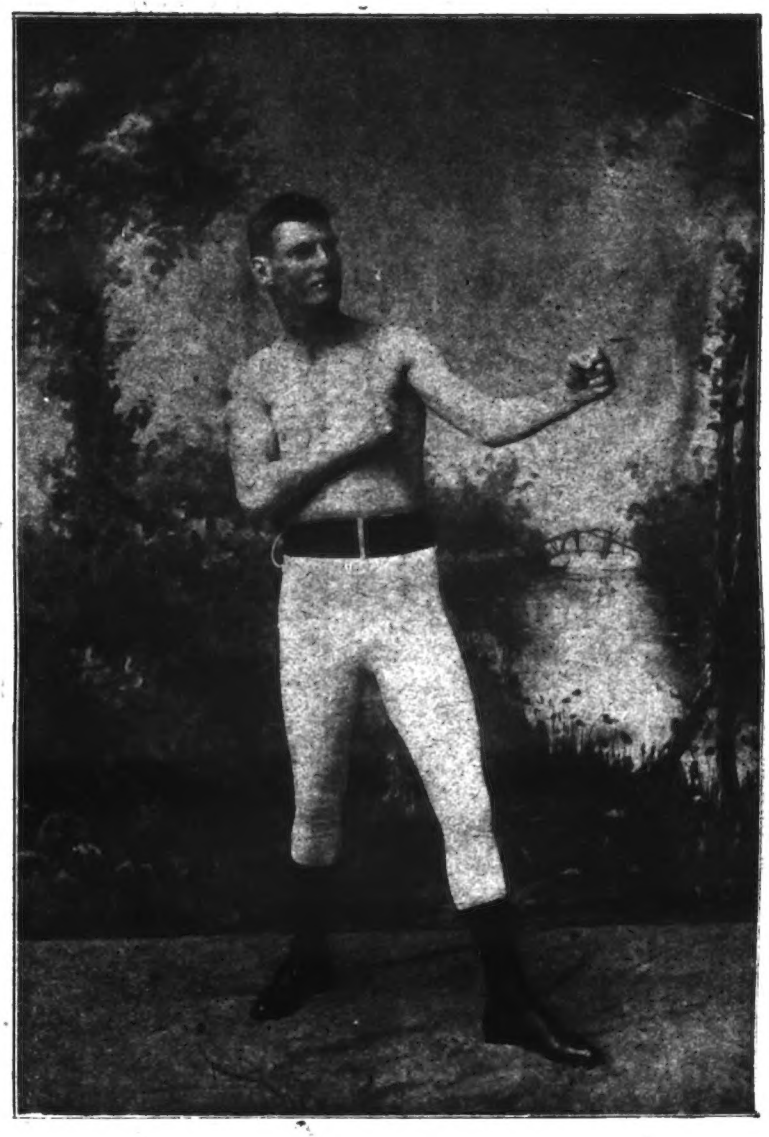


YOUNG TIDDLER,
A Little Bantam in the 6st 6lb Class.

THE PIECE DE CONVICTION ON THE JUDGE'S TABLE.
The Head of the Murdered Man in Court.

NAT SMITH,

Matched to Meet Dick Lee at the National Sporting Club.



ARTIE TULLY,

The Australian Light-Weight, who was Captured while Fighting in the Boer Army, and is Now a Prisoner in Ceylon.

MARKED DOWN THE NAMES OF THOSE THEY KNEW.

A New Feature in Mrs. Nation's Saloon Campaign.

WRESTLING AT THE CRYSTAL PALACE.

TOM CANNON, THE CHAMPION Græco-Roman wrestler, is still at the above with his offer of £10 to anyone that lasts fifteen minutes with him on the mat without being thrown. The champion has hard work to find men to compete, and as during the week no one sent in to battle for the £10, contests were arranged between him and the best of the wrestlers competing. Antonio Pierri, "The Terrible Greek," won two £10 notes three weeks ago, and this had led to a match between the pair for £50, and the Græco-Roman championship. They contest the best of six bouts, one each day, the battles taking place in the central trancept at the Crystal Palace. The best contests of the week were between Cannon and Joe Carroll (catch-as-catch-can champion), and on Thursday evening it took more than 16min before Cannon gained the fall. Carroll competed on Friday, and a brilliant bout was seen, and as neither gained the victory in twenty minutes a draw was the result. They competed again on Saturday, this time to a finish, and Cannon went great guns, gaining the award in a little over twelve minutes. On Monday William Clark (Shoreditch) and Mick Callan (Blackburn) competed twice, and each gained a victory, while Cannon twice asserted superiority over Peter Ajax (France). On Tuesday evening Cannon met Callan, and was returned the victor in eight minutes twenty seconds. They wrestled in the skating rink instead of the central trancept, because a special concert was being held close at hand. The preliminary contests were between Ajax and Carroll, the last named being successful in the Græco-Roman style, while in the catch-as-catch-can mode neither gained a fall in fifteen minutes, and a draw was the result. Wednesday saw Cannon and Ajax as opponents, and twice they wrestled for supremacy, the Englishman winning on each occasion. Carroll threw Callan twice, the first time in 11min. 25sec., the second contest lasting but nine minutes before Carroll gained a fall. On Thursday, as stated above, the two champions, Cannon and Carroll, were opponents, and it took the former 16½ minutes before he could administer the coup-de-grace. Callan and Ajax contested two bouts, the Englishman being successful in his own (Lancashire) style, while in the continental method Ajax was returned the victor. Friday evening witnessed the same result between the wrestlers, Callan beating Ajax in the catch-as-catch-can style, while in the continental (Græco-Roman) mode of wrestling the Frenchman asserted his superiority. The bout between Cannon and Carroll was a splendid contest, and though they went the full distance (20min) neither gained a fall, and a draw resulted. There was the best attendance of the week present on Saturday, and again Ajax beat Callan in the Græco-Roman style, while the opposite was the result in the all-in method of wrestling. Cannon and Carroll again competed, this time to a finish, and, going for all he was worth, the heavier man (Cannon) gained the verdict in a little over 12min.

A BIG DUAL EVENT.—IT IS NOT every man who will pick two others and row from Oxford to Putney, beating record time by hours, and then with his horse Australian Star win the City and Suburban in a common canter, but this Mr. Spencer Gollan certainly did, and gave the public a strong tip about his horse, when, with the assistance of Tom Sullivan and George Towns, the celebrated professional oarsmen, he broke the sculling record from Oxford to Putney. Mr. Spencer Gollan was quite off colour for a day or two, Towns was only able to get down to Epsom on Wednesday, while Tom Sullivan was thoroughly knocked up by his tremendous exertions. But all three will find solace in Australian Star's victory. As regards the seats in the boat, the Southern Cross, Sullivan, the ex-Australian aquatic champion, was stroke, Mr. Gollan bow, and George Towns No. 2.

THE FOOTBALL CUP VICTORY.—The great football fight is over. The thousands who gathered at Bolton to see the replayed match between Tottenham Hotspur and Sheffield United had a good spectacle for their money; and Tottenham on Saturday night was in a tumult of uproarious triumph over the return of the Cup to the South after a sojourn in the North which has lasted since 1883.

A.A.A. TEN MILES RUNNING AND Seven Miles Walking Championships.—These events were decided on Saturday at Crewe. The ten miles produced twenty-three entries, of whom twenty-two faced the starter, the only absentee from the published list being Round, of the Birchfield Harriers. At the start A. Shrubb, (S.L.H.), W. H. Day (Derby), and S. J. Robinson (Northampton) (holder) set a strong pace, the first-named leading. At the end of three laps Robinson went to the front, with E. Waterson (Salford H.) third, but on entering the fifth mile Robinson retired. Shrubb then drew away, and completed the half distance in 25min. 55sec., J. T. Rimmer (Liverpool Police) lying second, with A. E. Barker (Leeds A.C.), third. The positions remained unchanged during the second half of the distance, and Shrubb eventually won easily by 125 yards from Rimmer, with Barker third, F. Appleby (Herne Hill), fourth, W. H. Day (Derby), fifth, B. Bennison (Manchester H.), sixth, B. Sewell (Eastbourne), seventh, J. Brady (Salford), eighth, and P. Still (Unity A.C.), ninth, all of whom obtained standard medals. Standard time, 56min 30sec. The winner's time was 53min 32sec. Five competitors took part in the seven miles walk, but only four finished. M. K. Forester (Polytechnic H.) retiring after two miles. J. Butler (Polytechnic H.), was first, H. Simpson (Borough Polytechnic H.), second, W. Martindale (Polytechnic H.), third, and T. M. Hill (Polytechnic H.), fourth. Butler won by 200 yards, in 54min 37sec.

DEATH OF A BIRMINGHAM SPORTS- man.—A severe loss to sport in the Midlands has been sustained by the death of Mr. Joseph Gilman, of Birmingham. The deceased gentleman, who was seventy years of age when he died on Thursday, was largely associated with sport of every kind. He was owner of racehorses, trotters, and fighting cocks, and the old manly sport of boxing always had his support, for when the P.R. became a thing of the past he took up the cause of boxing with the gloves in a thorough manner. To his influence the prosperous days of the Birmingham Amateur Boxing Club were due. He accorded his powerful support to the club when it was in its infancy, and was its mainstay when Tom Hill, Anthony Diamond, Tom Ilsley, Bill Brown, Theo. Woodward, and others brought fame to its colours. Deceased owned the best train of fighting cocks in the kingdom, and employed as his setter the veteran Bill Gilliver. He won upwards of thirty mains in seven years, and at the time he was on the active list seldom lost a fight. About two years ago the fine old sportsman was thrown from his trap, and as a result suffered from a broken thigh. This put a stop to his riding exercise, a fact which told upon him considerably, and no doubt hastened his death. He will be buried at Warstone Lane Cemetery, Birmingham. One of deceased's last protegés was Harry Overton.

THE ORION GYMNASTIC DISPLAY. —There was a very large attendance in the spacious gymnasium, Casterton Street, Hackney, N., on Thursday evening, when the Orion A.C. gave their annual display. It is needless to refer to the club and its history beyond stating that since the dispute with the A.B.A. the members have continued training, and apparently with effect. Boxing, after all, is not barred, only hard hitting, and there are many members of the club capable of holding their own with the ordinary amateurs. In Thursday evening's entertainment the usual gymnastic feats were given in distinct turns, the foils, single-sticks, and bayonet exercise were gone through. In addition, the parallel bars were patronised, as well as the horizontal and ropes. With so many performers it would be invidious to mention names, but it may be accepted that a capital entertainment took place, and that those who had the pleasure of being present thoroughly enjoyed it.

DEATH OF A FAMOUS WELSH Runner.—Mr. Tom Jones, the well-known Welsh pedestrian, died on Sunday, while following his employment at the Park Slip Collieries, Kenfig. Deceased was once the holder of the mile record for Wales, and was a famous athlete in his day.

TAYLOR V. LINTON.—A CYCLING match between Taylor and Tom Linton took place at Paris on Sunday for ten kilomètres, with pacemakers, was won by Linton with several laps to spare. Time, 10min 43 3-5sec.

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MANLY VIGOR.

THOUSANDS HAVE BEEN CURED by a prescription in the possession of the Rev. Joseph Hope, "St. Cloud," Westcourt Road, Worthing; and he will send full particulars of it to any sufferer who sends him a stamped addressed envelope. It cures **NERVOUS DEBILITY**, Loss of Energy, Melancholy, Spermatorrhœa, Varicocele, Premature Decay, Despondency, Weakness, Nervousness, Brain Fag, Blotches on the Skin, Loss of Memory, Dimness of Sight, Noises in the Ears, Liver Complaints, Kidney Complaints, Bladder Complaints, Gravel and all Diseases of the Urinary Organs. (Name this paper.)

SKITTLES.—FINAL OF THE ROYAL Oak Skittle Club tournament, headquarters, Royal Oak, Sumner Road, Peckham, proprietor Mr. Jack Rawlings. Upwards of fifty players, including experts, have competed for prizes put up by Mr. Rawlings. The affair has been properly conducted throughout, and the president, Mr. Jack Green, and Mr. Summerfield, besides Joe McCann, Mr. Rogers, Arthur Hill, G. Payne, Bob Harrington, J. Blakemore, and Charles Davis, besides others, helped to contribute to some excellent sport, and some phenomenal play has been witnessed throughout the tournament. Result of final:—Jack Glass beat Billy Brown. The latter is a recognised champion at skittles. The conditions were 6ft from the front pin. It was a very exciting affair, both played in grand form. The following are the scores:—Brown, 2 3 1 1 4 2 4 2 2 2 1 1 2 1 1 1 3 2; Glass, 2 2 1 3 2 1 2 1 3 2 2 2 2 2 2 1 1. Glass won by one chalk only. A grand concert and distribution of the prizes took place on Monday, April 29. J. Tuhey, Camberwell, represented THE MIRROR OF LIFE.

GREAT CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH AT the Crystal Palace.—This week Tom Cannon, the champion classic wrestler, and Antonio Pierri, the "Terrible Greek," are competing for the world's championship and £25 a-side. They wrestle the best of six falls, one each night, and on Monday evening Joe Carroll (Hindley) and Peter Ajax (France) were staged as the opening bout, the former being successful just under 12min. The battle between Cannon and Pierri was a very hard one, and the two men (each weighs over 15st) struggled as only men who have great reputations to keep up can. Strength and scientific work was the order of the day—or, rather, night—and after competing for 17min 25sec the first fall of the series went to the muscular Cannon. Joe Carroll acted as referee, and the representative of THE MIRROR OF LIFE as timekeeper and M.C. Full details of the other bouts will appear next week.

SOUTHERN CYCLING CLUB'S SIX Hours' Race.—Numerous spills occurred at the Southern Cycling Club's six hours' open race at Herne Hill on Saturday, and G. A. Olley and W. B. Dudden (Vegetarian and Polytechnic C.C.), who were leading in the last hour, were brought down and severely cut about. As was the case last year, A. Tate and F. Lockyear, of the promoting club, won, the distance to their credit being 153 miles 230 yards. S. Poyner, P. E. Monkhouse and H. E. Lee (Abingdon C.C.) took second place on a triplet, with 147 miles 1,135 yards (having from 37 to 66 miles beaten amateur triplet records on the way). C. W. R. Paterson (Southern C.C.), with 147 miles 502 yards, was third, and the unfortunate tandem riders, Olley and Dudden, who were making a grand race of it until they came to grief, were fourth, with 139 miles 251 yards.

EXCITING CODDAM MATCH.—OLD Joe Farrall, the veteran M.C., and Mat Wood, of Below Bridge Regatta fame, made a match to play a game of the above with Ike Davis, of the Clothes Market, and Ralph Thwaits, an all-round player. It came off on Sunday last, the 28th ult., at the Anchor and Hope, Brook Street, Ratcliff, and a good many followers on each side were present. Davis and Thwaits got the first 10, then Joe and Mat got level. After a ding-dong race occurred until 18 all was called. Joe and Mat got the piece, and ran out winners by three chalks. Davis and Thwaits challenge Farrall and Wood for £1 to £2 a-side for another match. Answer through this paper will oblige.

PROFESSIONAL RACKET HANDI- cap.—This interesting handicap, which has been in progress since Tuesday last week at the Prince's Club, Knightsbridge, was concluded on Saturday before an aristocratic company. Details:—Gilbert Browne, Prince's Club (scratch), beat Frank Fairs, Tonbridge School (receives four aces), by four games to love (15—5, 15—10, 15—14, and 15—6). Throughout Browne was much the stronger and cleverer player, and well deserved his victory. Time of match, 37min.

DEATH OF A FAMOUS FOOT- baller.—There died on Sunday in Nottingham, much regretted by a large circle of friends in the football and cricket world in that city, Herbert Emmett, aged forty-three. He was a victim to pneumonia. Emmett was one of the famous half-back line of Notts. He was also a fine cricketer, both as a member of the Notts Castle C.C. and as a club professional.

BIRD SINGING.—THE SULTAN, Picton Street, Camberwell. Latest scores:—"Wag" Pope's bird, 4 score 9; Moss, 2 score 14. The final will be decided next Sunday, May 5, 1901. The last pair have made the highest score up to the present.

DEATH OF THE CHAMPION DEER- hound.—Selwood Morven, the champion deerhound of the world, has died at Joppa, near Edinburgh. He was only seven years old, and death was due to his recent accident.

"HUMANITY," THE WHOLESALE smashing of china sketch, is playing at the Paragon this week.

THE PIECE DE CONVICTION ON THE JUDGE'S TABLE.

The Head of the Murdered Man in Court.

(Subject of Illustration.)

PARIS is at present in the throes of many sensational murders, not the least is that of the murder of a wealthy merchant who was lured to a house in the suburbs and done to death. The man was decapitated, and although the body cannot be found the head was recovered and identified as that of M. Roussol. This was brought into court, and as the piece de conviction was a ghastly reminder of the tragedy as it lay upon the table, each witness was called, and had to inspect it. One woman took it from the table to closely inspect a mark on the cheek, and declared it to be that of M. Roussol.

HONESTY REWARDED WITH THANKS.

Girl who Had a Valuable Find in Church.

(Subject of Illustration.)

THERE have been some very curious finds and some very curious rewards had been paid to the finder. It was not long since a hundred pound note was recovered, and the fortunate possessor returned it to the owner, and he received sixpence for his trouble. The other day a little girl attending church found a birth certificate, to which was attached some valuable papers, and among these was a fifty pound note. The whole was restored to the owner, who, on receiving the same, merely thanked the child for her trouble. A good inducement for honesty on a future occasion!

HOW THE BOERS TREAT THEIR BURGHERS WHO DESIRE PEACE.

Envoys of Peace Horsewhipped and Shot.

(Subject of Illustration.)

SEEKING peace by the burgher envoys has led to their untimely end. News from De Wet furnishes the intelligence that on being approached to desist hostilities the men were ill-treated and eventually shot, and those who have favoured surrender have been shamefully treated, the men being stripped, and, with their arms bound behind them, have been cruelly flogged. It is reported that owing to the strain upon his mind De Wet has become insane, and his followers are leaving him for other commandoes.

ANDREW WOOD (GATESHEAD) V. Dick Johnson (Newcastle) for £90.—At Ginnett's Circus, Newcastle, last Monday night, Andrew Wood, of Gateshead, met Dick Johnson, of Newcastle, to box the best of twenty rounds, at 8st 6lb, for £25 a-side and purse of £40 given by J. Lowes. The lads weighed in at one o'clock at the Hexham House Saloon, Newcastle, when Wood scaled 8st 6lb, and Johnson was 2lb lighter. They were in excellent condition, and when they entered the ring there was considerable wagering at evens amongst a large audience. J. Gibson officiated as referee, and the watch was held by Sam Francis. There was no striking difference in the merits of the two lads in the first round, but in the second Johnson took a strong lead, though he received a severe blow on the jaw just before the gong sounded. Wood attempted to force the work in the third round, but he hit low, and was cautioned by the referee. He continued punching hard in holds, and the referee disqualified Wood, and declared Johnson the winner.

IN REPLY TO JIMMY HOLLOWAY, Young Edwards, of Wavertree, will be pleased to box him at 9st, or any other amateur in the Liverpool district can be accommodated at the above weight if any boxing promoter will give a prize. A side bet will be guaranteed at ring side.

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EVENTS TO COME.

HE following contests will take place ing May:—

Y 2.—At Liverpool, Jemmy Davenport v. Jack Fraser, twenty rounds.

Y 6.—At the Drill Hall, Brynmaur, Williams v. "Ark" Watson, Chas. Evans v. Nat Handy, Jim Bayton v. Tom Hoskins.

Y 6.—Jack Harriss's Special Night at the Glengall Gymnasium, Old Kent Road.

Y 7.—At the Lansdowne Athletic Club, Harry Benson's Competitions.

Y 9.—Jack Farley's Benefit at the Foresters' Music Hall.

Y 16.—Bill Natty's Assault of Arms at the Horns, Kennington.

OXING AT PORTSMOUTH.

ARMY AND NAVY COMPETITIONS.

TWO DAYS' PROGRAMME.

T PORTSMOUTH, ON WEDNES- last, the Royal Naval Depôt committee anised a boxing show at the Naval and itary Gymnasium, Burnaby Road, under distinguished patronage of Admiral Sir Hotham, the Naval Commander-in-Chief Portsmouth; General Sir Baker Russell, mmanding the Southern District; and ptain Hamilton. The following officials o assisted:—Major Raitt, R.M.L.I., and et-Paymaster Hine, R.N., were the ges; Engineer G. R. Byles, R.N., time- per; and C. A. Stuart, C.S., R.N., was C.; Mr. Charles Godtschalk, MIRROR LIFE, referee. The same officials held ce on Thursday, when those left the semi-finals and finals of different competitions contested valuable prizes and purses offered by committee. Seldom, indeed, has better more exciting sport been witnessed within spacious four walls of that institution, l the numerous company followed the rk of the contestants with evident relish; fact, on both evenings the company were ays kept on the tip-toe of expectation, d loudly cheered their respective candi- es at the close. The manner in ich the show was conducted re- nds to the credit of those in office, d not unlikely in the near future lads may again meet in opposition in same ring and under the same manage- nt, for this entertainment should do ch to improve the ability and develop the te for the noble art. Details:—

WEDNESDAY.

8ST 4LB COMPETITION.

SEAMAN HARBIN beat W. HACKNEY
(H.M.S. Excellent) (Portsmouth).

This produced three excellent rounds, sailor in the second and third having best of matters, gained an easy victory.

9ST 4LB COMPETITION.

AMAN CARTWRIGHT beat
H.M.S. Excellent)
STOKER FERGUSSON
(H.M.S. Duke of Wellington).

Cartwright set about his man in quick le, and in less than two minutes gained award.

GOULD beat WHITE
(Portsmouth) (Landport).

Gould always had the measure of his man, d a couple on the body and dial settled tters in a summary manner.

10ST COMPETITION.

J. HARPER beat FRED DUFFITT
(St. James's) (Camberwell).

Duffett was out of condition, but managed last the three hard-hitting rounds, when arper gained an easy victory.

ALF BANISTER beat TED KNIGHT
(Camden Town) (Westminster).

Ted Knight tried to settle the business in and by swinging for his opponent's jaw, but the latter was too tricky, and, carrying the war into the enemy's country, floored his man several times, and qualified for the next bout.

JACK FAIRCLOUGH beat H. FOWLER
(St. Helen's) (Bethnal Green).

The Lancashire lad was too strong and resolute for Fowler; in fact, he was the heaviest man in the competitions and a "wool'd 'un," gaining an easy victory by stopping his opponent in the second round.

"TUZZY" WINTERS beat S. HARPER
(Lambeth) (Bloomsbury).

Winters, heavier and more powerful than his younger rival, always had the upper hand, and at the finish won with plenty to spare.

EIGHT ROUNDS CONTEST.

JOHNNY HUGHES beat J. MORRIS.

Although opposed to a bigger lad Morris, in the exchanges, was much quicker, and kept Hughes very busy. The latter's strength enabled him to stand the attack directed against him all through, and he countered heavily on the body, of which Morris took but little notice, and came in for a rousing round of applause for what might be said to have been the best show of the evening.

11st COMPETITON.

GUNNER SMITH beat CORPORAL LAMBERT
(R.M.A.) (R.M.L.I.)

The corporal came from his seat, commencing in earnest, and bustled his man all over the ring, scoring freely with both hands, and things looked bad for the gunner. The latter shot home several nose enders, and Lambert tiring almost to a standstill, enabled the plucky gunner to score and snatch a victory out the fire.

10st COMPETITON.

ARMY AND NAVY.

SEAMAN BURKE beat SEAMAN DYER
(H.M.S. Excellent) (H.M.S. Excellent).

Burke knew more about the game, and soon held a lead which he maintained and gained the verdict.

SEAMAN HARBORS beat
(H.M.S. Excellent)
SEAMAN MCDERMOTT
(H.M.S. Trafalgar).

After a close and hard-fought struggle Harbors gained the verdict.

THURSDAY.

The above boxing tournament was brought to a successful conclusion before a large body of spectators, who thoroughly enjoyed the varied programme; interest, of course, was centred in the finals of the different competitions. Details:—

8ST 4LB COMPETITON.

FINAL.

CHARLEY GOODE beat SEAMAN HARBIN
(Portsmouth) (H.M.S. Excellent).

This was short and sharp, the first round being sufficient to demonstrate the ability of Goode, who disposed of his opponent in two minutes.

9ST 4LB COMPETITON.

SEAMAN CARTWRIGHT beat GOULD
(H.M.S. Excellent) (Portsmouth).

Gould and Cartwright put up a plucky, hard-hitting three rounds, and the judges disagreeing, the referee awarded the verdict to Cartwright.

PRESSY beat "POWDER" SIMMONDS.

After a well-contested bout, in which both showed knowledge of the game, Pressy was always cleverer, and although Simmonds did his best to get level with his man Pressy, always a trifle in front, was returned the winner.

PRESSY beat CARTWRIGHT.

Cartwright, although aggressive, never looked dangerous, and Pressy's work being cleaner and cleverer, he gained the verdict with a trifle to spare.

10ST COMPETITON.

SEMI-FINAL.

SAM HARPER beat ALF BANISTER.

Banister did not show the form displayed on the previous evening, and in the first round allowed his opponent to score freely. In the second he woke up a bit, but Harper was cleverer, and finally, after a hard hitting third round the judges disagreed, and Harper gained the verdict on points secured earlier in the contest.

JACK FAIRCLOUGH beat "TUZZY" WINTERS.

After a couple of hard-hitting rounds "Tuzzy" Winters injured his hand, and had to retire.

FINAL.

JACK FAIRCLOUGH beat SAM HARPER.

The first-named was heavier and stronger, and after several heavy exchanges Harper was brought down, the referee stopping the contest in favour of Fairclough.

11ST 4LB COMPETITON.

GUNNER FORDER beat FRED GOLDRING
(R.M.A.) (Portsmouth).

Goldring was pluckily giving away height and weight to the gunner; he was also by far the cleverer, but weight told against him, and the gunner won.

SAPPER VEITCH beat GUNNER SMITH
(R.E.) (R.M.A.).

Smith started well, but Veitch mixed it with him, and Smith was the first to break ground. Veitch improved, and finally gained the verdict after a well-contested "go."

FINAL:

GUNNER FORDER beat SAPPER VEITCH.

This bout was a slogging match, and Veitch found the floor two or three times, and Forder put the verdict beyond doubt before time had expired.

10ST ARMY AND NAVY COMPETITION.

SEAMAN SPARKS beat STOKER CLARK
(H.M.S. Excellent) (H.M.S. Duke of Wellington.)

After a stern and rattling bout Sparks hard hitting told on his man, and Clark was counted out.

BURKE beat HARBORD
(H.M.S. Excellent) (H.M.S. Excellent.)

Burke was much cleverer than Harbord. Although the latter put in a lot of work he was out generalled, and after a plucky show lost to his shipmate.

FINAL.

BURKE beat SPARKS.

Sparks gave his man no rest, and bustled him over the ring with steady lefts. Burke quickly scored and again showing cleverness gained the verdict after a tough struggle. Captain Hamilton presented the purses at the close to the winners of the different competitions.

IDEAL B.C. ASSAULT-AT-ARMS.—There was a large and appreciative attendance at the North London Baths Gymnasium, Pentonville Road, last Tuesday week, when the above club successfully brought off their third annual assault-at-arms, open competitions for novices at 7st 6lb and 8st 4lb respectively forming the chief attraction. A six rounds competition was included. Details: 7st 6lb Competition.—First Series: P. Simpkins (Highgate) beat S. Worms (Islington).—A game and well-contested bout, the winner's extra height and reach giving him the verdict. E. Waterman (Bloomsbury) beat S. Gardiner (Somers Town). — Both lads started slogging, and half-way through the first round Gardiner went to the boards, and was counted out. Pat Kelly (Camden Town) beat "Brummy" (Marylebone). —A well-matched pair for height and reach. Kelly, however, was always first in with a straight and effective left. He scored continually, and at the close of the third round he was returned a good winner. Jack Goldsmith (Kentish Town) beat H. Flewin (Holloway). — A gamely-contested bout. Goldsmith from the outset had all the best of the exchanges, and had his man fairly beaten in the second round. Second series: Waterman beat Simpkins.—With all the advantage of a long reach, the first-named forced the work, but he only won after a most stubborn and plucky display from his opponent. Goldsmith beat Kelly.—The last named retired in the first round. The final bout was left over. 8st 4lb Competition: A. Stevens (Bethnal Green) beat R. Bristowe (Holloway). — With an advantage in height the last-named put on a lot of points with a good straight left in addition to heavy body work, but after the judges had disagreed, the referee decided as above. S. Light (Marylebone) beat A. Smith (Islington).—Shaping and performing in much the better style, the first named was returned a good winner. Final bout left over. Six Rounds Contest: Joe Parker (Meat Market) beat John Cooper (Islington)—A gamely-contested bout from start to finish, hard hitting and a contempt for defence being the prominent features. Parker, forcing the exchanges, was the best at this game, and he was a good winner at the finish. Time not allowing of the 7st 6lb and the 8st 4lb being concluded, the final bouts will be decided on May 7, on the occasion of Harry Greenfield's show at the same establishment.

FIGHT IN THE OLD STYLE IN NEW Zealand.—A great knuckle fight took place at Lyttelton, New Zealand, recently, between two well-known men, viz., Harry Knowles ("Snowy"), of Sydney, and George Jackson (coloured), of Nova Scotia, U.S.A. It was a punishing battle up to the fourteenth round, the coloured man being very prominent, getting in some nasty hook hits occasionally, "Snowy" replying with some straight jabs on the mouth, which worried the darkey very much. The contest was very interesting for the smart foot-work exhibited by both men. The fight went well up to the fifteenth round, when the darkey got in a vicious hit on the solar plexus which downed "Snowy," who, failing to respond to the call of "Time," was counted out by the referee, Mr. Baxter, of Lyttelton, N.Z. "Snowy" was ably seconded by Young Laver, of Canning Town, and Jackson was attended to in a like manner by Young Gibbs, of Deptford.

CRAMPTON v. GOULDING.—IF JACK Goulding really wants a match with Mick Crampton as bad as he says he does he will not refuse a purse, and he will drop the side stake swank.

DEATH OF "BILLY SMITH."

MUCH INTEREST WAS SHOWN ON Monday in the resumption by the Westminster coroner of his inquiry relative to the death of Murray Livingstone, known as "Billy Smith," which occurred at Charing Cross Hospital, after a glove contest at the National Sporting Club with Jack Roberts, of London. On the last occasion some sensation was caused by a suggestion that the deceased had been drugged, and on Monday Dr. W. H. Dodd, of Charing Cross Hospital, was recalled, and said: I have carefully considered this case with reference to the suggestion that the deceased was drugged, and can find no evidence in the symptoms in support of it. Edwin J. Churchill, of 8, Agar Street, Strand, a member of the N.S.C., said that in the seventh round Smith made a rush at Roberts. Both met, but no blow was struck. In getting away Smith slipped and fell, striking the second rope with the back of his head, and afterwards falling to the floor. After one or two blows in the next round Smith sank to his knees, and was counted out. The men were given nothing during the contest. Sub-Divisional Inspector Boxhall produced the 6oz gloves used in the contest, and also a piece of padding from the floor, which contained three layers of felt under a sheet of canvas. Mr. A. F. Bettinson, the manager of the club, said he arranged the terms of the contest between the two men. They were to box for £100 a-side and a purse of £125, £25 of which was to be taken by the loser. Both had backers, to whom the stakes were handed. So far as he knew the contents of the purse might be all the men actually received. The backers gave them what they thought fit. Some discussion arose as to the retention of the "knock-out" rule, which the coroner regarded as inconsistent with the award by points. The witness said the referee would stop a contest in which a man was hopelessly behind; but the coroner suggested that if a man did not know how he stood on points, he might think it worth while to make a knock-out blow. Mr. J. H. Douglas, the referee, produced his card, from which it appeared that Smith was four and a half points ahead at the end of the seventh round. He added that Smith was never "knocked out." Roberts won, not on points, but because his man could not continue. The jury returned a verdict of accidental death, and added a rider recommending the referee in any future contest to summon a medical man directly there was any sign of collapse. The funeral took place at the Jewish Cemetery, Whitepost Lane, Manor Park, on Tuesday.

BOXING AT THE DRILL HALL, Woolwich.—Mr. Hulls had arranged for George Chrisp, the conqueror of the "Bo'sun," to meet his erstwhile opponent. All Woolwich that did not go to Newcastle wanted to see how it happened that the pride of the town had his colours lowered. Details:—Eight Rounds Contests: Fred Delaney (Woolwich) beat Patsy Sullivan (Rotherhithe).—In the fifth round Sullivan received a hard left in the stomach, and retired. "Ginger" Atkinson (Bermondsey) beat Charlie Olds (Bermondsey).—In the second round, after a minute, Atkinson got home with the left on his man's nose, and this was sufficient for Olds. Bill Johnson (Canning Town) beat Driver Tullett (Army Service Corps, Woolwich).—The soldier mixed matters from the outset, but Johnson relied on a very nice left hand. Tullett was doing very well, and looked like settling matters, when an accident of the business happened in the third round—he met a right-hand swing with his jaw, and went to sleep. Harry Montague (Woolwich) beat Sam Eastow (Lambeth).—The Woolwich man was always the cleverer, and quite deserved the win, which came to him by the aid of his fine left hand. Six Rounds Contests: Johnny Jones (Charlton) beat Joe May (Custom House).—It was a capital bout, Jones doing all the leading, and doing best in some bright work, although both men were a bit green. In the end the Charlton man won creditably. Harry Berry (Stepney) beat Bert Firmin (Deptford).—The latter was the taller, and had by far the longer reach. However, he was rather slow, and Berry ran up a succession of points by the aid of good two-handed work on the head and body. This continued to the end, Berry receiving the award at the close of a light encounter. Three Rounds Exhibition: George Chrisp (Newcastle) v. Ben Taylor (Woolwich).—The contest between these heavy-weights, it will be recollected, took place only a few weeks ago, Chrisp gaining a victory over the "Bo'sun." It was only to be expected that two such big 'uns would not go all out; the affair was merely an exhibition. However, they put up a capital spar, Chrisp showing cleverness, and Taylor that excellent style which caused his friends to think that he stood such a capital chance with the Newcastle man. A rousing reception was accorded to both men both before and after the spar.

IVOR THOMAS v. MORGAN WILLIAMS.—This match is off. Ivor Thomas has withdrawn the £10 deposited at THE MIRROR OF LIFE.

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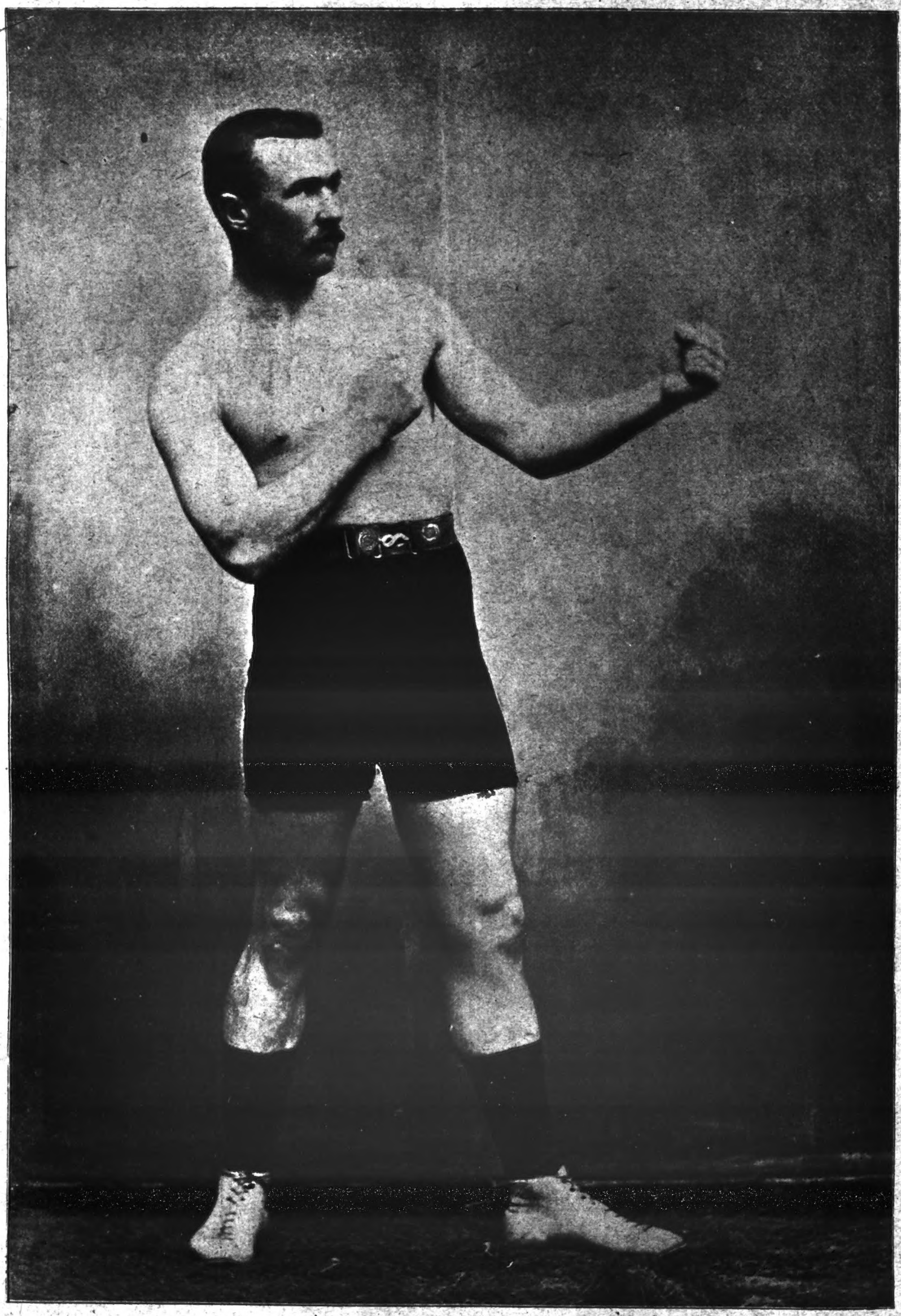

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BOXING AT WONDERLAND —SATURDAY.

IN THE FINAL OF THE 9st competition Harry Chamberlain (Bow) beat Bill Corbett (Lambeth).—Six two-minute rounds was the order, the prize being a silver cup and purse. The well-worn Lambeth veteran, outclassed, offered a stubborn resistance, and though well beaten in a bout which went the full distance, got rounds of applause when leaving the ring. Chamberlain's display was undoubtedly the best of the evening. 8st 6lb Competition—Final bout: Harry Paul (Stepney) beat Joe Barrett (Clerkenwell).—Fighting for all he was worth, Barrett did his utmost to bring about a decisive issue, but Paul, sticking close, easily survived. Recuperating with the rest, the Stepney boy was the stronger at the last meeting, and he won. Six Rounds Contests: Tom Routledge (Clerkenwell) beat Jem Peters (Holborn).—In the second round the Clerkenwell lad worked his opponent into a corner, and crossing him on the jaw, settled the business. Bill Pike (Leytonstone) beat Joe Goodwin (Spitalfields).—The Leytonstone lad found his task not so easy as he first imagined, and went after the Spitalfields youth, and thanks to his longer left, soon outpointed him. Keeping his lead throughout, Pike easily won a tame bout. Frank Exall (Bermondsey) v. Johnny Hughes (Bloomsbury).—A good match for size. Hughes landed freely, but on attempting to force matters, Exall steadied him with several straight lefts. A short rush enabled Johnny to counter hard on the body with the right. Exall went down, but was up in 4sec. He held his own to the end, the decision, a draw, being well received. Jem Warner (Bethnal Green) beat George McCarthy (Spitalfields).—McCarthy tried very hard to get on terms, receiving plenty of verbal encouragement, but Warner generally kept him out. In the fifth round the Spitalfields boy gave an excellent account of himself, if anything having a shade the better of the exchanges. The wind-up was fairly level, and the verdict to Warner was richly deserved. Walter Eyles (Islington) beat Bill Shaw (Deptford).—Shaw was heavier and taller than Eyles. The Islington veteran made more accurate use of the left than Shaw, who occasionally landed usefully, chiefly with the right. Eyles gained the verdict after the full journey had been covered. "Jewey" Cooke (Bloomsbury) v. Tom Ireland (Mile End).—These well-known boxers put up a lively and amusing spar of four rounds, finishing with a display of French kicking, or La Savate.

MONDAY.

A NUMEROUS COMPANY AT Wonderland, Whitechapel, last Monday evening, to witness the entertainment promoted by Mr. Joe Smith. THE MIRROR OF LIFE appointed Mr. Frank Howard to referee the show, which he did in a most efficient manner, the chief event being the final bout of a 7st 10lb competition, the opening series of which was decided a fortnight ago. Details:—Bantamweight Championship.—First series (six rounds): Jem Kendrick (Hackney) beat Fred Herring (Hackney).—When the pair faced each other the ex-amateur appeared to have a slight pull in both height and reach. During the opening round Kendrick forced the exchanges, and just before "Time!" was called Herring gave in. Tom Hands (Vauxhall) beat Alf Paine (Mile End).—The opening meeting was evenly contested. Using his left with excellent judgment, the Vauxhall representative kept frequently getting home on the face without a return, and gradually began to establish a good lead. However, his adversary displayed considerable gameness, and as the bout progressed made strenuous efforts to stem the tide in his favour, which, however, proved of no avail, Hands winning comfortably on points at the close. Bill Stonelake (Clerkenwell) beat George Huggins (Stepney).—Huggins was no match for his rival, who, after landing several effective body blows with his right, Stonelake crossed his man with the right, and brought the bout to a close, subsequently winning easily. "Ginger" Owen (Bermondsey) beat Bill Dickerson (Finsbury). — The Bermondsey youth proved very slippery on his feet, and although boxing on the defensive during the first meeting, certainly scored the faster of the pair. During some half-arm exchanges which ensued in the second round Dickerson did much better, both being tired when the temporary interval arrived. Each was anxious to resume for the third time, in which honours were pretty even. The later stages again saw Owen with the advantage, and he eventually won easily. 7st 10lb Competition.—Final (ten rounds): Jack Guyon (Clerkenwell) beat "Wag" Hampton (Finsbury).—Guyon was seconded by Albert Dixon, George Harding, and Ted Ware, whilst Hampton was esquired by Tom Ireland, Ike Jacobs, and Alf Green. Upon "Time!" each took the centre with alacrity. Guyon, who was considerably the taller of the twain, after a short spar, led off lightly on the face. Sparring at long range, the youth from Clerkenwell was generally first, and matters were decidedly in his favour when time was called. Each warmed to their work when hostilities were resumed, the Clerkenwell youth's deliveries being by far the more effective, and the pair were very busy when ordered to their corners. Standing well up to his adversary in the succeeding meeting Hampton for the first minute more than held his own, but meeting a right-handed punch on the throat steadied him. The fourth meeting was noticeable for some capital two-handed work by "Wag," who disputed every inch of the way. Excitement ran rather high in the sixth passage of arms, the referee having to continually caution them for holding. Guyon just before the end held his man round the neck with the left whilst he punched away with the right. Considering the fast manner they had been boxing both were quite fresh when they resumed for the seventh time. However, aided by his extra reach Guyon kept dashing in his left, the visitations of which began to leave their mark upon his opponent's face, and at the end was declared the winner. Six Rounds Contests: Alf Lloyd (St. Luke's) beat Alf Leeper (Canning Town).—Throughout the exchanges proved of a spirited character. However, the St. Luke's man was a bit the stronger, and from the outset always the aggressor, but it was not until the full number of rounds had been contested that Lloyd gained the decision on points. Jem Sweeney (Stratford) beat Alf Coggins (Hackney).—Sweeney, who was the taller of the twain, appeared to have a far better knowledge of the game in hand than his rival, and at the end of the third round possessed a good balance of points in his favour. Coggins attempted to mix matters in the fourth round, which evidently suited his rival, who repeatedly scored on the face with the left, and the referee at the close had no difficulty in giving him the fiat. Alf Barnard (Spitalfields) beat Harry Benson (Hackney).—Although each looked somewhat out of condition, the proceedings were productive of some very heavy exchanges, the opening meeting being fairly even. With his extra reach the Hackney lad established a slight lead. The third passage of arms saw a great change, Barnard's body blows being by no means relished by his opponent, who during the meeting made the most of the ring. Benson appeared to be going very weak in the ensuing meeting, and from this period Barnard did all the scoring, and won.

BOXING AT THE SILVERTOWN Athletic Club.—The above resort was packed on Saturday night to witness the splendid programme that Ted Birch put before his patrons, when a grand night's sport was witnessed. Eight Rounds Contests: Bill Stiff (Silvertown) beat Tom Cambell (Silvertown).—This was a rattling bout, Stiff taking the lead. Round 2. Both men scoring fast, when Stiff got his left on the mark, knocking Cambell out. Harry Ridgeon (Silvertown) beat Ragge Queary (Canning Town).—Fast and heavy exchanges on both sides. Round 2. Honours even. Round 3. Ridgeon opened cautiously, Ragge leading, and taking punishment. Round 4. Ridgeon retired after 1½min fighting. Ben Taylor ("Woolwich Infant") and Jack Walsh (Canning Town), sparred three rounds.—Ben showed good form, using his left with marked effect. Walsh being willing, the pair went fast throughout the three rounds. 8st 6lb Competition (for splendid cup, presented by Mr. Harry Snell): Bill Lamprey (Canning Town) beat Tom Didsbury (Canning Town). Bill Muff (Plaistow) beat Joe Ford (Woolwich). Muff, who stood one foot higher than his opponent, was all over the little chap, and knocked Ford out in second round. Lewis (Canning Town) a bye, sparred with Jack Fitzpatrick (Canning Town). Semi-final: Bill Lewis (Canning Town) beat Bill Lamprey (Canning Town). Final: Lewis (Canning Town) beat Bill Muff (Plaistow)). Six Rounds Contest: "Curly" Woods (Woolwich) beat "Blower" Munn (Woolwich).—These well-known midgets put some lively work in their bouts, Woods getting verdict in fourth round. Three Rounds Exhibition: Ben Taylor ("Woolwich Infant") v. Ted Birch (late R.N.) Officials: Dick Pepper, referee and timekeeper; judges, Peter Brown, Jack Walsh; while Jack Pepper (Canning Town), Ted Marsh (Plumstead), Joe Yoe (Canning Town), and Jack Reed (Silvertown) looked after the principals. Ted Birch made an efficient M.C.

SEEING THAT PAT MACDONALD, the 10st 6lb champion of Scotland, is open to fight any man his weight in the world, a gentleman will match "Cock" (Andrew) Robin, of Belfast, to fight Macdonald the best of twenty rounds for £25 to £50 a-side, at catch-weights. A reply through THE MIRROR OF LIFE will be attended to at once. This also applies to Palmer, the contest to come off in Belfast.

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THE "COFFEE COOLER'S" CONQUEROR WRITES.

WE HAVE RECEIVED THE FOLLOWing letter from George P. Gardiner, who recently defeated the "Coffee Cooler":—

Lowell, Mass., U.S.A., April 16, 1901.

To the Editor of THE MIRROR OF LIFE.

Just a few lines to let you know that I am in harness again and feeling first rate.

I am matched with Tim Hurley, also with Andy Walsh, and in a few days I will be matched with Marvin Hart at Louisville. This fellow Hart is coming along at a fast pace, so I think it incumbent upon me to put a stop to him.

So you have a new heavy-weight champion over there? Well, I think that title belongs to me, and if Chrisp does not think so, I will go over there and prove it to him, providing the N.S.C. offers a fair inducement. I would also like to meet Jack O'Brien, who is now over there, as I understand he is claiming the middle-weight championship which rightly belongs to me, and I am willing to defend the title against any man in the world.

My brother Billy, who has defeated nearly every feather-weight of note in this country outside of McGovern, would like to take a trip to your country. He will meet any 9st or 9st 2lb man in England. Here is a chance for Curley or Jordan or any other heavy feather-weight in England.

Give my regards to all my friends in London.

Let me hear from you if you see anything good in sight.—Sincerely your friend,

GEO. P. GARDINER,
Middle-weight champion of Great Britain.

BOXING AT THE THEATRE ROYAL, HONG KONG.

A CROWDED HOUSE WAS ASSEMbled at the theatre for the boxing contests arranged by Mr. W. B. Waters. The arrangements were carried out in characteristic good style, the chief contest being advertised to take place between the two well-known boxers, T. Armstrong (H.M.S. Centurion), and Joe Riley, of America. The bouts of the evening were preceded by exhibition bouts, the first of these being between J. Mills, H.M.S. Centurion, and "Curly" Bartlett, H.M.S. Goliath. They fought four rounds in good style and applause greeted their efforts. The next bout was by W. Howard and A. Bratt, both of H.M.S. Centurion. Four rounds of very clever exhibition boxing were given in which both showed themselves to be no novices in the noble art. Their show was about the best piece of exhibition sparring that we have seen in the ring for some time. They were only light-weights. Next Geo. Smith, H.M.S. Centurion, who has just carried off the light and middle-weight championships of the colony, boxed Sam Bentley, Torpedo Depôt, light-weight champion of the West of England, in a six rounds exhibition contest. This bout was a fine display, but Bentley had rather the best of it throughout. Smith's claret was tapped towards the finish. J. Driscoll, of H.M.S. Centurion, then boxed H. McAlvy, of the same ship, in an exhibition spar. Four rounds of good boxing were gone through, there being no decision in these exhibitions. Both got in blows, but Driscoll, a relation of a light-weight champion in the Navy, got the better of the spar. Mr. Waters here came forward and asked if Riley was in the theatre. No answer was given, and explaining that Armstrong was not to blame in the matter, and that the thing had been got up between Riley and Armstrong, Mr. Waters announced that Con Sheehan would give an exhibition with Armstrong. After a delay of about fifteen minutes Armstrong and Sheehan appeared in the ring. The rounds, ten in number, were of three minutes each. Mr. Frost acted as referee, and 4oz gloves were used. It was observed by Mr. Waters that an alteration had been made in the arrangements, and that the winner would receive 75 per cent. of the house and the loser 25 per cent. after the manager's deduction for his trouble, instead of the previous arrangement of 80 per cent. and 20 per cent. Both men were evenly matched, Armstrong being the lighter of the two. Sheehan won in the fourth round on a foul the result of the fight being received with uproar. Armstrong had already been warned by the referee about striking in a clinch, and in the fourth round he hit Sheehan on the body twice in quick succession. The affair was most unsatisfactory. Very few blows were exchanged during the fourth round, and Sheehan spoilt the first few by clinching Armstrong low. Armstrong was in better condition than his opponent, but when the win was given to Sheehan there was an end to it. It is a very great pity that a thing like this crops up in these contests, and the finish was greeted with intermingled cheers and hisses.

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BOXING AT THE NEW ADELPHI CLUB.

BOXING FLOWS ON IN SPITE OF accidents. There is an element of danger in every sport, and as in everything else so in boxing. Some must fall by the way, and leave the survival to the fittest. Therefore, in spite of a recent disaster, boxing was still on tap at the New Adelphi Club, though the usual referee, who had to play a part elsewhere, was represented by Mr. Harry Cooper. Thursday evening is the day sacred to early closing, and there was a good muster of the Strand aristocracy. Details:—Six Rounds Contest: Alf Lloyd beat Alf Leeper.—Lloyd forced the pace, and Leeper in the same humour. They fought hard and fast to the close, when Lloyd won. Dave Morbin beat W. Waller.—Waller most of the leading, and Morbin smart in the escape. On the stroke of time Morbin dropped Waller, and the contest ended. G. Proctor beat Joe Parker.—Parker determined but rather erratic, produced a series of interesting rallies, Proctor maintaining his lead throughout. Fred Read beat Bill Lee.—Lee, taller and longer reach, made play lightly. Affairs pretty level in first round, second better business, Lee outfighting his man to the ground, but very impetuous, driving Read all over the ring. At last Lee fell, and Read unexpectedly won. Tom Hands beat Jem Wheeler.—Hands led, and there was a good deal of in-fighting. Wheeler very determined. Finally Hands was the victor.

BOXING AT PENTONVILLE.

A LARGE ATTENDANCE AT THE Pentonville Baths, Pentonville Hill, last Monday evening, when Bill Lampshire, of Islington, gave a special entertainment which proved an unqualified success. The chief item was a 7st 6lb competition, for which eight good lads sent in their names to contest for the handsome trophy. In addition to the competition several exhibition bouts also ensued, including a four rounds trial between Harry Barrett and Billy Percy. Details:—7st 6lb Competition.—First bout: Joe Sessions (Clerkenwell) beat A. Holt (Kentish Town).—Of short duration, as the Clerkenwell lad had matters his own way, and after boxing a minute and a half brought the right across, and put Holt to sleep. Second bout: W. Field (St. Luke's) beat C. Feassy (Clerkenwell).—A rattling bout all through, Field showing the best form after the first round. In the last he made good use of his left, often landing for nought, and won with a bit in hand. Third bout: Joe Tyson (Somers Town) beat Jem Angus (St. Luke's).—Both started at a rapid rate, and it was evident that one would have to "cry ago." This proved the case, as in the second round Tyson got home some thick left handers in the stomach, and Angus held out his hand. Fourth bout: Jack Dollen (Islington) beat Alf Rosser (Camberwell).—Rosser was handicapped owing to having a bad right hand; still, he made a capital show against Jack, the latter having to put in some strong work before he was hailed the winner. Second series. First bout: Sessions beat Field.—Of short duration, as after boxing a minute Sessions got the right home on the jaw, and Field holding out his hand Sessions was hailed the winner. Second bout: Jack Dollen beat Joe Tyson.—Both lads boxed like demons, using both hands with freedom, having plenty of power behind their blows, and at the end of the allotted time Dollen was declared the winner. Final bout (four rounds): Sessions beat Dollen.—In the first round both very cautious. In the next Dollen set the pace, and Sessions, nothing loth, a determined bout took place, both lads standing and giving punch for punch, the result being that on going to their corners Dollen gave in, being out of condition, and Sessions was declared the winner. Harry Barrett (Islington) v. Bill Percy (Clerkenwell).—In a four rounds trial Barrett, who was a stone the heavier, proved too good for Percy. The wind-up was between Bill Lampshire and Wally Rance.

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BOXING AT GIBRALTAR.

A BOXING TOURNAMENT WAS held at the Assembly Rooms, Gibraltar, on April 16, 1901. The chief event of the evening was a fifteen rounds contest between Bombardier J. Fegan, R.G.A., heavy and middle-weight champion of Gibraltar, versus Seaman D. Harrington, H.M.S. Arrogant, middle-weight champion of Plymouth, for £10 a-side and £6 purse. Round 1. As the men quickly left their seats, Harrington looked the taller, Fegan being shorter and a trifle heavier. Both men faced each other and were very cautious, looking for an opening. Harrington led off, but fell short, nothing happened beyond a few smart exchanges. Round 2. A quiet round, nothing worthy of note. Round 3. Both men meant business. Fegan led with a straight left, Harrington returning a swinging right, which Fegan ducked, forcing his opponent to the ropes; they clinched, on breaking away time was called. Round 4. Heavy work was the order of this round, both men scoring, but neither gained advantage when time was called. Round 5. Harrington soon set to work with a swinging left on his opponent's jaw, following with both hands did some smart work. Fegan then forced the fight, Harrington going to the ropes with a swinging blow which landed on the neck. On time being called both men were sparring. Round 6. Heavy countering was the order, Harrington landing a swinging right on his opponent's jaw which made him wince. Also some heavy exchanges took place, time being immediately called. Round 7. This was Harrington's round, who, scoring with both hands, made Fegan make use of the ring. Round 8. Fegan seemed much refreshed from his rest, and immediately went for his opponent, and scoring in real earnest outwitted him by inward fighting. They clinched. On breaking away Fegan scored on the heart which brought Harrington on his knee, where he remained for eight seconds. On rising Fegan scored. Time was then called. Round 9. Again Fegan seemed stronger of the two, and forced his opponent to the ropes with a stinging left. They clinched. On breaking away some smart work was done by Fegan, who looked like bringing the fight to a close. Landed a swinging right on the jaw, time being immediately called. Round 10. Fegan started in-fighting, and received a stinging left in the eye, cutting and making the blood flow. Harrington kept his man on the move, and scored several times. On time being called both men were sparring. Round 11. Fegan evidently had orders to get to work, which he did in real earnest, with a swinging right for his opponent's jaw, which went high, landing on his head, which caused the blood to flow, following with an upper-cut with his left. Both men clinched, on breaking away Fegan landing a swinging left on his opponent's jaw, time being then called. Harrington, on going to his corner, looked groggy. Round 12. Harrington looked much worried owing to the previous round. Leading, caught the damaged eye of Fegan, who quickly replied with a hard drive over the heart, staggering his man, who looked dazed. Harrington swung wildly without effect. Round 13. This proved to be an exciting round, Fegan leading, driving his opponent to the boards, who remained again 9sec upon his knee; on rising, Harrington was driven to his corner, where some hard fighting took place, each trying for a knock-out. Fegan again found the mark, time found both men on the ropes. Round 14. Fegan done some good fighting, getting two stinging blows on his opponent's neck. Fegan again made for his man, who ducked, both men going to the boards. Fegan was up first, waited for his opponent to rise, forced the fight, making good use of his left, and with a swinging right drove Harrington on the ropes. Fegan used both hands with good effect, when time was called. Harrington, looking very groggy, going to his corner. Round 15. Both men faced each other for the last round. Harrington looked dazed with the punishment he received in the previous round. Fegan, leading off, scored with a heavy left on the jaw, following with a couple of swinging blows on the neck which seemed to stagger Harrington. Fegan then hustled his man round the ring, landing another on the mark, leaving Harrington very groggy on time being called. Eventually Fegan was declared the winner amidst loud cheers from the onlookers. Fegan was seconded by Bombardiers Collins and Robin, R.G.A., Harrington by Sapper Saxton and Stoker Bowden.

"GINGER" GIBBS, THE NAVAL feather-weight champion, is returning home from South Africa after an absence of five years from home. Gibbs, who has fought several competitions in Cape Town, has improved wonderfully in the art, and is now open at his weight (128lb) to all men of the Navy after returning from leave, and also wishes to be mentioned to all those at home. Gibbs will meet any lad near his weight when he arrives home for a purse after one month's training.

JOE PARKER IS OPEN TO BOX any lad in England at 8st 4lb or 8st 6lb.

BOXING AT MALTA.

A BOXING ENTERTAINMENT TOOK place at the Royal Clarence Theatre, on Monday, April 1. There was a crowded house, and a good bill was presented, the chief event being a Twenty Rounds Contest for the Feather-weight Championship of the Mediterranean, between A.B. West, of the Royal Sovereign, and P.O. Underdown, of the Victorious. The referee was Sir Robert Arbuthnot. Judges: Lieutenant Silver, R.N., and Mr. C. Stewart. Details as follows:—Six Rounds Exhibition: J. Smith and A. Bailey.—A good spar, and both were well applauded on leaving the ring. Ten Rounds Contest: A.B. Millington (Royal Sovereign) beat A.B. Pittock (Cæsar).—This was hotly contested from the start, and honours were pretty even up to the seventh round, when both went weak, but Millington recovered first, and banging away with both hands won with a bit to spare. Ten Rounds Contest: A.B. Warne (Royal Sovereign) beat A.B. Broadbent (Barham).—As soon as the lads stood up they both looked like business, and after a little sparring they started at a rare pace. Give and take was the order, each trying to finish the other in the shortest possible time. Broadbent had a trifle the best of matters up to the fifth round, when Warne got home a heavy right-hander on the jaw and Broadbent in falling severely sprained his ankle, and was unable to continue, and Warne was announced the winner. After a short interval came the event of the evening, a Twenty Rounds Contest for the Feather-weight Championship of the Mediterranean Fleet between W. West (Royal Sovereign) and E. Underdown (H.M.S. Victorious). Both lads were in the pink of condition, and on weighing-in Underdown tipped the beam at 8st 9lb, whilst West scaled 8st 11½lb. After a few words of caution from the referee the lads took their respective corners. Round 1. On time being called the lads advanced to the centre of the ring and shook hands, and after a short spar West led with a left, but was smartly countered. This was a rather quiet round. Round 2. Both lads started at a rapid rate, but not much damage done, as both were cautious. From here until Round 10 the honours were even, and some grand work was seen, the audience at times getting greatly excited, until the referee warned them he would stop the fight unless better order was kept. From the tenth up to the fifteenth round, West began to go a-head, but there seemed to be more steam behind Underdown's blows, and once or twice he shook West up with a right on the jaw. Coming up for the fifteenth Underdown let himself go, and some hard slogging took place. This was Underdown's round. From here until the twentieth, it was give-and-take work, both trying hard for a knock-out. Round 20 and last. West started with a left for the face, but got heavily countered with a right, and then a grand rally took place, in the midst of which time was called. The judges disagreeing, the referee gave the verdict to West, which was not very well received, and Underdown being dissatisfied another match was made for twenty-five rounds, and a substantial side stake. The contest takes place the first week in May.

WILLIAMS v. "ARK" WATSON.

WE HAVE RECEIVED A FURTHER £5 from Williams, making the whole of the amount of stake. The contest will come off at the Brynmaur Drill Hall, the same place where Griffiths and Arnold contested. The doors will be open at 6.30, and the principal contest will start at 7.30. The exhibition boxers will be Charles Evans, of Newport, and Nat Handy, of Abertillery, and Jim Bayton and Tom Hoskins, of Brynmaur. THE MIRROR OF LIFE finds gloves, and appoints referee and timekeeper.—[£5 received.—ED.]

JACK HARRISS, OF CAMBERWELL, winner of the heavy-weight competition, N.S.C., 1900, and who recently defeated Joe Platford, of Tottenham, in eight rounds, has a special night at the Glengall Gymnasium, Glengall Road, Old Kent Road. Contests take place between Dave Morbin (Walworth) v. Jem Wheeler (Bermondsey) for £5 a-side and a £10 purse; Jack Gardiner (Camberwell) v. W. Brown (Walworth); Jack McGuillan (Boro') v. Jack Lamb (Kennington); Ben Harris (Camberwell) v. "Ginger" Price; "Pongo" Davenport (Boro') v. Young Tiddler (Southwark); Jack Harriss (Camberwell) v. Harry Berry (Stepney). M.C., Harry Williams. Monday, May 6, next.

JACK FARLEY'S BENEFIT TAKES place at the Foresters' Music Hall, Cambridge Road, Mile End, on Thursday evening, May 9. Jack Fitzgibbons, treasurer; Joe Smith, chairman. The following subscriptions have been received:—Jemmy Lowes, Newcastle, £1; Jack Fitzgibbons, 10s; Joe Smith, 10s; Jack Stockton, 10s; Harry Wright, 10s; Alf Williams, 10s; Bill Higgins, 10s; Jem Chase, 10s; Charley Edney, 10s; Low Jacobs, 10s; J. Knight, 3s; Charley Edney's Pal, 5s.

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BOXING AT NEWCASTLE.

THERE WERE MANY WHO HAD misgivings as to whether the introduction of wrestling by Mr. James Lowes into his weekly programme would be successful or not, but the result of the innovation certainly proved successful, and there were a great many people present. So successful does Mr. Lowes consider the wrestling to have been that it is his intention to give periodically prizes for similar competitions at the weight. The affair resulted in the semi-final being well contested. In the first heat W. Thompson, of Brampton, beat McIntyre, of Newcastle, and in the second the tussles between G. Fyfe, of Rothbury, and J. Atkinson, of Ashington, were productive of much excitement. In the finals the holds between Thompson and Atkinson were great, but eventually the Brampton representative gained the necessary three falls first, and was presented with the silver cup, Atkinson receiving a gold medal. The whole of the boxing affairs were good. For the miners' competition, at 8st 4lb, there were a quartette of entries, but the four proved to be very good lads. In the first heat P. Needham, of Jingling Gate, beat G. Green, of Wrekenton, after the latter had looked all over a winner, and in the second M. Malvy, of Bedlington, beat a game opponent in M. Maguire, of Wrekenton. The finals will be decided next Saturday. Then J. Hart met W. Parkes in an eight rounds contest, but although the last named fought gamely he was forced to go under in the second round. A splendid struggle was seen in the meeting between Jack Tait and Mick Elliott, but the last named was always outclassed, and Tait gained the verdict on points comfortably.

TOM SNOW'S BOXING SHOW.—Only a moderate attendance at Lexington Hall last Saturday evening. Tom Snow, the well-known boxer, had advertised a special entertainment, and it was a good one. The principal items on the programme were a 7st and an 8st competition. Only the finals took place on Saturday, as the qualifying bouts had been settled on the Monday previous. Both of these events came to a summary termination. They were very interesting while they lasted, however. Some of the four rounds trials were quite as good as the competitions. There was plenty of exhibition boxing and several trials. Joe Wilson, of Paddington, and Bob Harridge, of St. James's, presented four very earnest and clever rounds. Bob Dyer, of Paddington, and Tom Brown, of Fulham, also had four interesting rounds. Joe Pike, of Stoke Newington, and "Brummy" came next in a like bout. It was of a rather light description. Ted Gamble and Harry Clarke next engaged in four earnest rounds, for which they were loudly applauded. 7st Competition.—Final bout: C. Scott (Marylebone) beat Jack Foy (Marylebone).—This was a give-and-take affair during three rounds. Then Scott began to make play at his antagonist's body. These blows were very heavy, and they soon began to tell on Foy. His rival put "settled" to the bill in the fourth round. A very hard left handed punch in the stomach brought about the climax, and gave Scott the victory. 8st Competition—Final bout: Sam Light (Marylebone) beat Bill Hoskins (Marylebone).—The winner gradually made his superiority more and more pronounced. He had a very good straight left, and kept scoring with it on the face. Hoskins stood the fusillade gamely enough, and landed a good many blows himself, but he did not do any great amount of damage, as he was invariably knocked back as he tried to score. Finding that he had no chance against Light Hoskins gave up in the fourth round. Ten Rounds Contest: Jack Welch (Marylebone) beat Tom Gill (Paddington).—Round 1. Welch made the pace very hot, and sent his rival down three times within a minute. They were swinging hits on the side of the head, which did the damage. Round 2. This was better, and there was not much to choose between the combatants this time. Gill used an open glove, and this enabled him to reach his rival's face many times. Round 3. This was light, and the honours were easy in the matter of points. Round 4. It was very plain that Welch held the winning card whenever he liked to play it. Round 5. Welch planted a hard swinging right in Gill's stomach, and he went to the floor in a hurry. It looked all over, but Gill got up again and went on boxing. Round 6 and last. This time Welch went to the ground. Almost immediately afterwards Gill was sent to the floor twice. The last time that he went down he remained on the floor until he was counted out, Welch winning. Tom Snow wound up the entertainment. The officials were:—Harry Clarke, referee; Jack Squire and Tom Gill, judges; Bill Lord, timekeeper. The seconds were Jim Williams, of Marylebone, and Mark Welch, of the same place.

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BOXING AT THE GLENGALL GYMNASIUM.

HARRY WILLIAMS PUT ON A FINE programme of boxing on Saturday night at the Glengall, Glengall Road, Old Kent Road, and, although not by any means crowded, the saloon was well patronised. The final of a 9st 6lb competition, the intermediate bouts of which had taken place the previous week, looked like furnishing a splendid contest between Fred Duffitt, of Camberwell, and Albert Jordan, of St. Luke's. This, however, only lasted halfway through the second round, the conditions being six rounds of two minutes. Both men showed themselves scientific, but Duffitt, a very sturdy young fellow, was too strong for his opponent, and "peppered" him so hotly, on the ropes most of the time, that Jordan perforce had to cry peccavi. A very nice contest of four rounds was witnessed between "Sailor" Press, of Walworth, and Harry Tolfree, of Bermondsey, which was given as a draw. Harry Williams was M.C., Alf Fielder judge, Alec Davis timekeeper, and Alf Fitzhall and Joe Fielder seconds. Details appended:—Six Rounds Contest: Charlie Morris (Camberwell) beat Ernest Mills (Camberwell).—Mills forced the work from the start, and "peppered" his man heavily with both hands. In the second round Mills cooled down somewhat and did not seem to relish several straight lefts flush on the "dial," whilst, when a minute and a half had expired in the third round, Morris got his man measured, with the result that he came to the boards, and was counted out. Final of 9st 6lb Competition: Fred Duffitt (Camberwell) beat Albert Jordan (St. Luke's).—This bout was a fine one while it lasted, but Jordan overmatched in strength, and Duffitt, missing no chances, and putting in severe and heavy work, Jordan gave up, beaten in the first minute of the second round. Four Rounds Contest: Courtney Veal (Bermondsey) beat Jack Ross (Camberwell).—A nice and even bout resulted, the sparring being of the quiet order, and at the end of the full number of rounds Veal was given the verdict on points. Four Rounds Contest: "Sailor" Press (Walworth) v. Harry Tolfree (Bermondsey).—Both these lads shaped very well, and a pretty four rounds resulted. Tolfree is the sturdier in build, and it appeared that had he led off more and forced the work, he must have won fairly well. As matters turned out, Press, in the second round, floored his opponent twice with flush blows on the face, and after an extra round of two minutes the judges declared a draw. Some excellent exhibition displays were witnessed, the performers being Bill White v. Sam White (both of Camberwell), Fred Smith v. Tom Donovan (both of Bermondsey), and a wind-up to the evening's entertainment were three good rounds between Jack Mack, of Plymouth, and Fred Smith of Bermondsey.

"BAT" MULLINS' BENEFIT.—OF all the pro.'s who lived at the West-end in the days of old when the Haymarket pubs never closed their portals and scrappers found plasters for their bruises in the shape of divers, "Bat" Mullins alone survives. "Bat's" benefit at St. Andrew's Hall, Newman Street, drew such peers as the Earl of Wiltshire, Marquis of Queensberry, &c., but now they are shorn of their former glory. On Tuesday evening "Bat" Mullins took his annual at Bob Habbijam's academy in Newman Street, when out-of-work boxers were more in evidence than the paying public. Details:—Six Rounds Contest: Jem Sullivan beat Bill Radley.—As soon as the word to advance went forth Radley took the offensive, and with his opponent in a like humour the spectators were soon put on good terms with themselves. Both hit as hard and as often as possible, and in the final rally Sullivan sent the right home and administered the knock-out. Six Rounds Contest: "Buck" Shine beat Jack Christian.—In answer to the call of "Time" Christian went great guns until his opponent bucked up. Then it was Shine's turn, and the pace was extra hot, both boxing as only tried performers can do. They kept the pace up to the end, each lad standing the strain of their exertions, and coming up for punishment until the award went forth in favour of Shine. Six Rounds Contest: Bill Gale beat W. Whittaker.—For years Gale has been known to the public as a lad who mixes it, and a hot battle is certain to be seen when he puts on a glove. His rival, if not as well-known to the public, is a fighter, and a fierce fight took place directly they put up their hands. Gale gained the verdict after a hard struggle. Bill Reader (ex-9st champion and champion club swinger) and B. Ware performed well in a three rounds exhibition bout, a remark that applies to Jem Harper and D. Lyons, J. Usher and W. Betts, Charlie Broadbank and J. Read, while "Bat" wound up with Mr. C. Stewart.

MARLOW B.C.—TOM RIPPINGTON, late of the Bansbury B.C., who last year turned pro., is instructor to the Marlow B.C.—a club which is prospering so well under his hands that he writes us he hopes next season to be able to send some of the lads to London to enter for amateur competitions.

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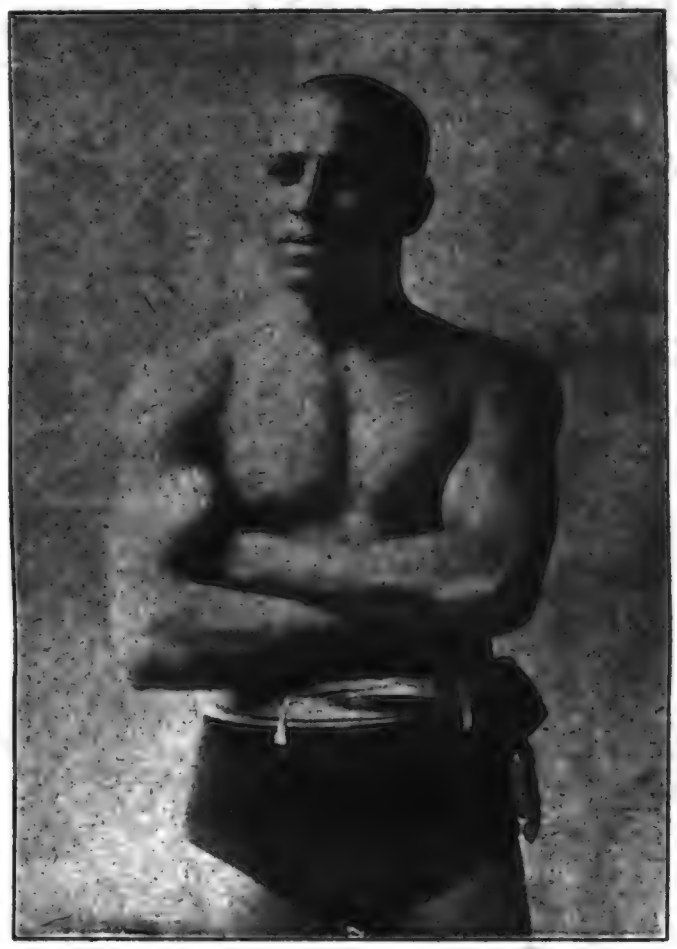

JOE GANS,

Of Baltimore, who Recently Defeated Martin Flaherty in Four Rounds at the Eureka Athletic Club.

HOW THE BOERS TREAT THE BURGHERS WHO DESIRE PEACE.

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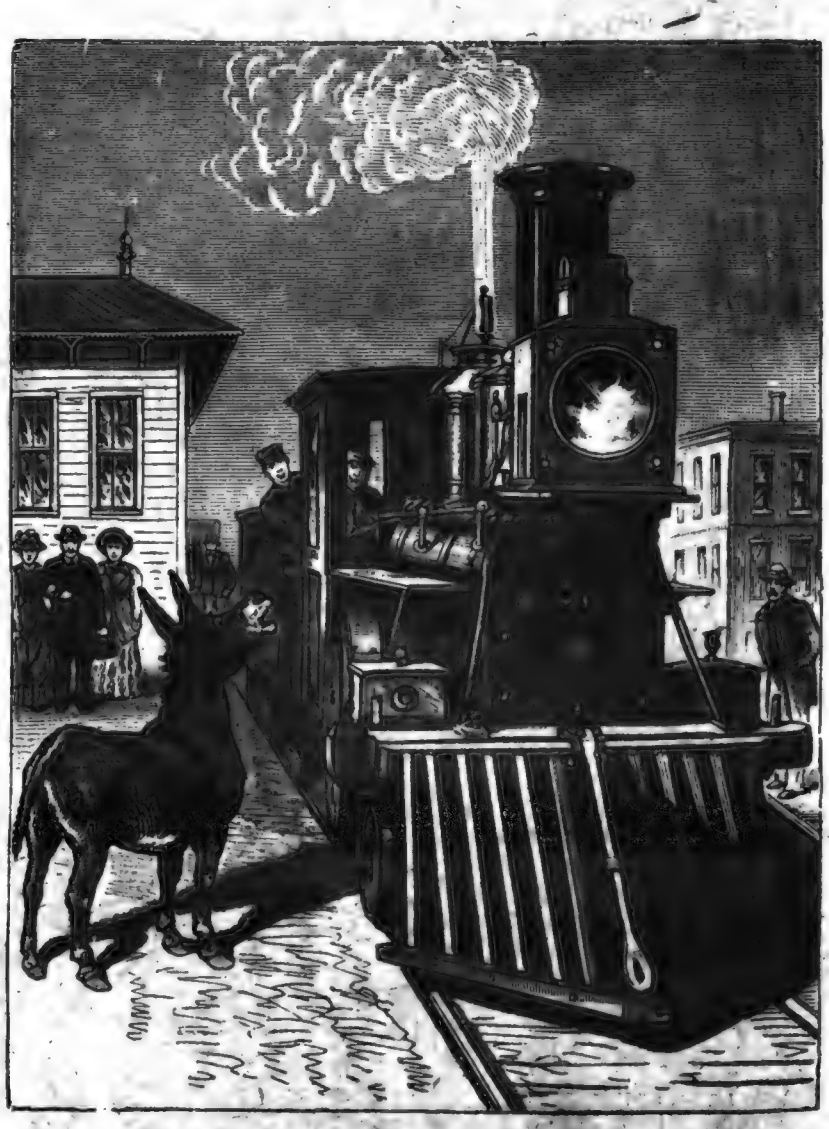

A GREETING FOR THE NEW IMPROVEMENT.

The Ass Saluted with a Loud Braying.

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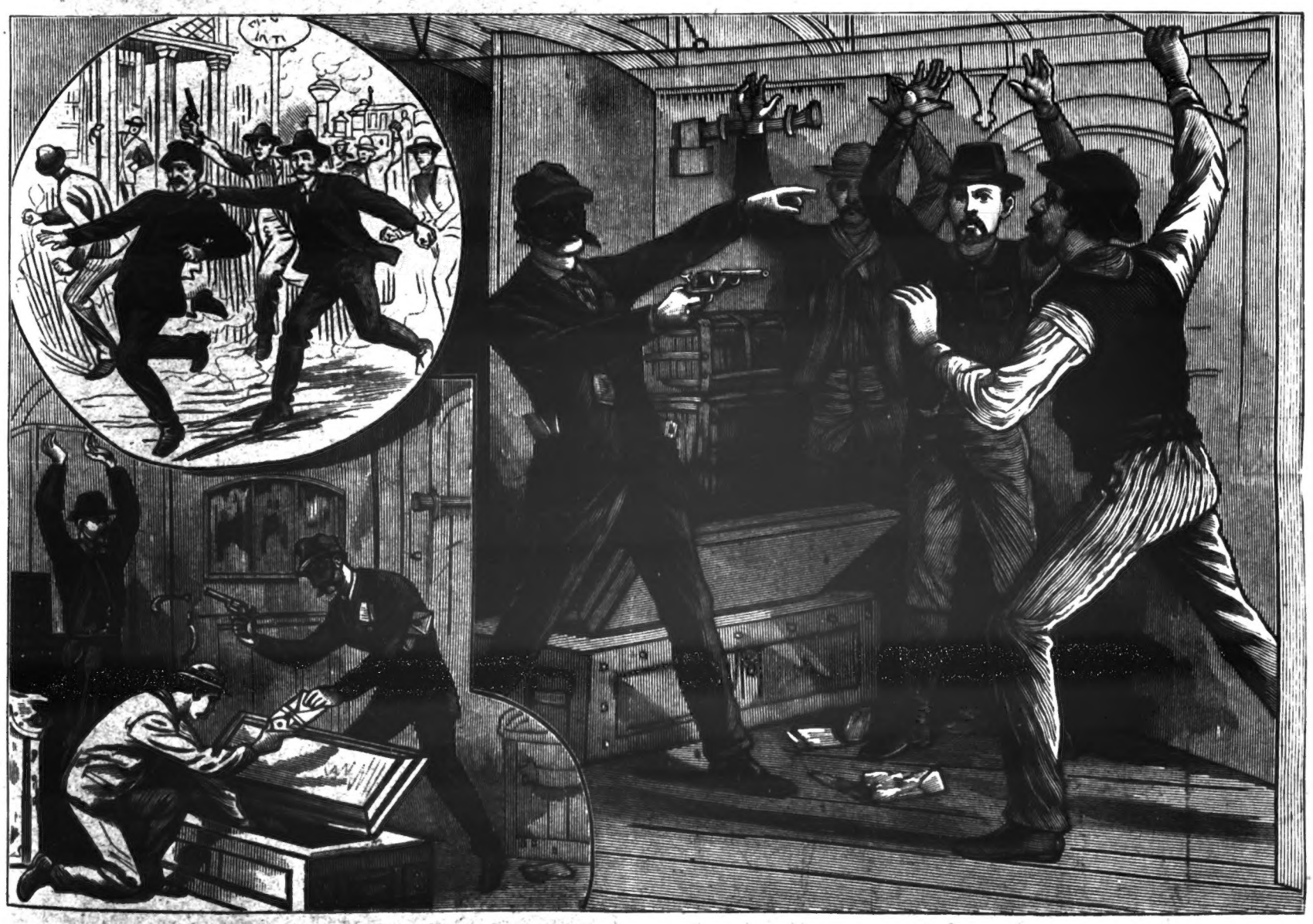

A CLEVER ROBBERY FROM A MAIL TRAIN.
The Thieves Caught After a Long Chase.

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F. PENNELL DEFEATS HARRY BRISTOW.

THE EASTLEIGH CLUB ARE STILL able to say they retain their shield, and until a club comes forward with a man able to defeat Pennell, who holds the leading honour of that club, they are likely to do so. The above match was one of nine rounds, and drew a large gathering of enthusiastic supporters, who gathered in groups about the hall discussing the ability of each opponent. Harry Bristow, as stated in THE MIRROR a fortnight ago, hails from Hoxton, and is a smart and sturdy fellow, and many enthusiastic supporters of the Eastleigh Club gave up all hopes of their favourite's success. When the two antagonists entered upon their work, however, they soon gained confidence, for the Eastleigh member at once showed some of his old form, of which he was lacking last week. Almost immediately upon the opening of the first round the Eastleigh candidate, with a smashing delivery with his right, sent Bristow to the boards, and it must be said that in this round Bristow was thoroughly outclassed. Blow after blow did the Eastleigh candidate put home to the intended quarters, and it was surprising to see the match go through to so many rounds, as the defeat of Bristow was minutely expected. The second round was in every way similar to the first, beyond one grand display by Bristow, when he placed Pennell low. Pennell was soon upon his feet again, however, and began to produce some of his confusing tricky movements, and the third round was, one might say, all his own. Bristow, however, still fought well, and now and again got home some nice deliveries, which Pennell accepted of without a flinch. The fourth round was much smarter, and Pennell, making away with some rushing movements, as he often does, soon began to tire his opponent, and in the fifth round Pennell delivered the winning blow, to the great satisfaction of all present. The general meeting of the Eastleigh Club will take place on May 1, when all members are requested to attend, as some important business will be transacted.

CONTESTS AT BIRMINGHAM.—Under the direction of Jabez White, the well-known Midland boxer, an attractive programme of contests was carried through on Thursday evening at Stoney Street Hall, Birmingham. The gathering was of a select character, but the hall was well filled. The chief event on the card was a twelve rounds contest at catch-weights, for £10 and a purse, between Walter Jackson, of Leicester, and George Broom, of Birmingham, a couple of useful light-weights. Details:—Proceedings opened with a Four Rounds Exhibition spar between Ernie Godwin and Jack Smith. Six Rounds Contest: Bill Phalin beat Bill Lovesay.—Phalin won well on all points. George Phalin and Jack Bailey boxed three fast exhibition rounds, as also did Jabez White and Jack Costello, but Jabez was much too clever for his plucky rival. Then followed the event of the evening. Twelve Rounds Contest: George Broome (Birmingham) beat W. Jackson (Leicester).—The boxing was spirited and interesting up to the twelfth round, when Jackson, who was generally first, bar a knock-out, seemed to have the contest in hand. He again set about his man, and Broome was dropped with a right on the jaw. He rose in a groggy condition, and fought wildly, but Jackson was on top to the close. The referee, however, decided in favour of Broome. The verdict was a most unpopular one. Six Rounds Contest: Walter Thomas beat Bill Peters. The wind-up was a six rounds bout between Sam Sorrell and Frank Escott. Every round was hotly contested, but, by agreement, no decision was given.

HARRY HUGHES'S BOXING PAVILION.—Charley Blackburn, of Liverpool, has become the owner of Mr. Harry Hughes's world-famed sporting pavilion, the sale having been satisfactorily arranged between them, Mr. Harry Hughes having to provide a much larger pavilion to meet with the demands of his patrons.

BOXING AT STAMFORD HILL.

THE TEE-TO-TUM AT STAMFORD Hill was well attended last Monday evening, to witness a boxing entertainment promoted by Messrs. A. Barnard and W. Hill. The principal events were between Arthur Callan v. Bill Nolan and Archie Phillips v. Charles Brown. The origin of the matches dates only as far back as Messrs Barnard and Hills last display at the same rendezvous. Callan was dissatisfied with the result, and desirous of proving his ability to beat him (Nolan), and then and there challenged the Drury Lane representative. The latter being anxious for another passage of arms, the promoters offered a purse, and the match was ratified. The same evening Archie Phillips and Charles Brown fought, and the latter received, if he did not earn the verdict according to the general opinion. Six Rounds Contest: Charles Brown beat Archie Phillips.—Round 1. Phillips taller, and led off at a rare pace. In less than half a minute he punched Brown to the boards. Latter soon up, and Phillips did good service. Brown went weak and bled. Phillips continued, having all the best of the deal, and wound up far in front. Round 2. Again Phillips went to work hard and fast. Brown short, and then very erratic. A fast fight ensued. Brown did better than before, but Phillips cooler and far more prolific. Brown tried very hard, and Phillips always his master. Round 3. Brown led, and Phillips put it on one side. Former pushed on, and Phillips not going so well. In a few seconds Phillips used both right and left, and scored rapidly, having all the best of the bout. Round 4. Brown led off and brought about a rally. He weaved in, and at times made good headway. Phillips, however, was too good for him, and fought with better judgment. Brown pluckily persevered. Round 5. Not a repetition of the previous bouts. Brown was never idle, and sent in many fine flush hits in the first minute. It was the best round he had fought, and a fierce one it was from beginning to end. At last Phillips was knocked down to the surprise of all present and taken to his corner. Time saved him. Round 6. Another fierce fight in favour of Brown, who punched very hard. Phillips down but soon up. Brown all the time did most of the work. Judges disagreed, and Watts declared in favour of Brown. Phillips remarked as he left the ring, "I am quite satisfied with the verdict this time." Six Rounds Contest: Mark Groves beat Bill Geschin.—Two big useful men. Geschin slashed out with a longer reach, and they started a fast fight. Both on the ground. Up and savagely engaged all through the first round. Groves commenced the second and out-fought Geschin, who prostrated himself on the ground after an exciting rally. Ten Rounds Contest: Bill Nolan beat Arthur Callan.—"Dido" Plumb and Bill Wood (Clapton) seconded Nolan, George Johnson and Fred Featherstone Callan; J. Watts, referee; no judges. In the first round, after various changes, Callan got the right across and upset Nolan, who quickly resumed. Little to choose in the second bout, and both busy at close quarters. Third time up most of the leading by Callan, and very vicious, but felled just before time. Fourth round Nolan made a fine start. They frequently clinched, and honours pretty equally divided. Fifth, brisk business the entire time. Halfway through Nolan met Callan with a terrific flush hit, and downed him. Again Callan on the floor, and bled copiously. Rose and fought out time. All in favour of Nolan. Sixth, Nolan opened up the old sore, and a fine fight ensued to Nolan's advantage. Seventh bout Nolan, as before, made headway, and Callan was plentifully sprinkled with war paint, but managed to catch Nolan a stinger on the mouth. Eighth round, Callan dashed in and forced the fighting. It was a nailing good bout, and well fought from start to finish. Ninth round, Callan smashed in with a fierce body blow. They fought fast, and there was little in favour of either. Tenth round, Callan set about his work with might and main. It was a very fierce fight, and ultimately Nolan won.

"ARK" WATSON SENDS THE FINAL £5 for his match with Harry Williams on May 6 at Brynmawr. [£5 received.—ED.]

THE FOLLOWING LETTER IS FROM "Nimble" White, the well known bantam boxer, of Wapping:—

March 26, Dalvinia, South Africa,
Western Province,
Mounted Rifles,
K 2 Troop E Squadron.

To the Editor of THE MIRROR OF LIFE.

DEAR SIR,—Just a line to let you and the public know that I, "Nimble" White and Sid Miles are soldiers of the King. No doubt you have heard about the way the Boers treated the inhabitants of this place (Calvinia) when they first entered. There was no troops in the town, and they ordered the keys of every store, and those who did not give them up got shoved out. There was a nigger boy called Abraham Esau. He was carrying the flag on Mafeking day in spite of the Boers occupying the town. When they saw him they just got hold of him and gave him 25 lashes with the birch, commonly called out here the shambock. He only stood 18 lashes. When he fainted they locked him up all night, and when they heard the British were coming the next morning they cleared out, taking Abraham with them. When a little distance from the town they gave him another dusting down, and put four shots into him, and kicked him till there was not a bone in his body that was not broken. That is only one of their tricks, and then you see people stick up for them—the so-called pro-Boers; I only wish we had a few of them out here where we are stationed, we would show you the way to polish them off. We held a pass called Pakhin's Pass, when there was only ten of us, and a sergeant and about 600 of them. They came within firing range, but when we sent a volley into them you should have seen them run. The brave fighting Boers! Just imagine the pluck they have; 600 to run away from ten. When Delyles column came through there was one officer killed and five horses. That will let you see what good shots they are—Delyle passing through a bridle path, kopjes on both sides, five to six hundred firing all the time, and only hit one. As the call to stables has gone I must close, hoping you will insert this in your most valuable paper.—I remain, yours truly,

"NIMBLE" WHITE.

BOROUGH OF MARYLEBONE CLUB Assault-at-Arms.—On Wednesday night the above club were treated to a splendid entertainment by the B.M.B.C. An 8st 6lb competition was very well contested, and ended by Jones, of Catford, winning it right out. Then came the fight of the night between "Buck" Shine, of Somers Town, and George McCarthy, of Spitalfields. 8st 6lb Competition: M. Lucas (Bloomsbury) beat Bob Russell (Bloomsbury).—Both started off hurricane fashion. Pace too hot to last as it proved, the downfall of Russell, who went out with a well-directed blow on the jaw. W. Piggott (Lisson Grove) beat G. Rosse (Deptford).—This was a more even match. Both sparred for an opening, Ross leading off with a punch on the side of Piggott's head, which seemed to wake him. Then fighting became the order of the day. Call of time found them pretty even. Round 2. Same as the first. Round 3 found Piggott at his best. He punched his man all over the ring, and was finally returned a good winner. H. Jones (Catford) beat E. Waterman (Bloomsbury).—This was a very spirited bout while it lasted, but unfortunately Waterman's hand went in the second round, and he had to retire. Second series: Jones beat Lucas.—This was rather a one-sided affair, Jones punching his man all over the ring, and finally putting him out. Time, 2min 30sec. W. Piggott then sparred a bye with H. Martin.—A very tame affair. Final: Jones beat Piggott.—Piggott, with his hand knocked up from his previous bout, had to spar carefully. Jones was as merciful as he could be, but Piggott went faint-hearted and laid down, and was counted out. Six Rounds Contest between "Buck" Shine (of Somers Town) and G. McCarthy (of Spitalfields).—Both lads stripped in fine condition, and boxed with splendid tact and skill, creating round after round of applause at the end of each bout, and so close was the contest that at the end of the sixth round the judges could not part them, and the referee ordered another round of 2min. In this Shine scored much the faster of the two, and in the end was awarded the verdict. The rest of the evening was filled up with some splendid bouts of exhibition. W. Hayes (B.M.B.C) and G. Ellis (Royal Engineers).—This was a very lively set-to, and the audience appreciated them too. Next came J. Carlin and C. Small, both of the B.M.B.C.—A very lively affair. J. Christan and D. Ansell, two fine lads at their weight, and they showed the audience some fine boxing. The rest were F. Benfield, W. Matthews, F. Cannon, and Ted Boyton. Judges: C. Hawes (17th Middlesex) and W. W. Wood (B.M.B.C.). Timekeeper, G. Daniels; Referee, J. Lynch, who made a neat, impromptu speech in presenting the prizes to the winners, likewise thanking Charley Watson (Good Old Charley!) for the two prizes given. M.C., C. Cannon (Captain of the B.M.B.C.), who carried his duties out in a very business-like manner, thus winding up a very enjoyable evening.

COLLINS'S IS AT PRESENT DOING good business, due to the attractive and ever-changing programme. This week the two M'Naughtons are in great form, while Miss Alice Lloyd's singing is much applauded. Charming Miss Millie Lindon is recalled again and again, a sure proof of her popularity and ability. Among the other good things contained in the programme are Joe Elvin in that enormously funny sketch, "The Wrong House," and Rezene and Robini. Apollo is due here next week.

GEORGE ROBEY IS WORKING four halls.

NEWHAM AND LATIMAR'S TURN has been much appreciated at the Royal Empire, Leicester.

AT THE CANTERBURY DAN LENO tops the fine programme, the Sisters Levey are also in the bill.

MISS PHYLLIS RANKIN HAS proved an enormous success, both at the Oxford and Tivoli.

"CUP TIE" ANIMATED PICTURES are being shown at the Aquarium.

DAN LENO IS WORKING THE Tivoli, Oxford, and Canterbury.

LITTLE TICH IS GOING STRONG at the Empire Palace, Birmingham, this week.

"I SKEDADDLED" IS THE TITLE of a song which Harry Champion has been warbling with success at the Holloway Empire.

MISS KITTIE RAYBURN'S SONG, "He's a Bloke I'd Like to Go Out With," seems as popular as ever. She has been singing it with much success at Gatti's (Road).

MISS KATIE LAWRENCE IS CAPturing the audiences at the New Bedford, Camden Town. The Collinson Combination in a laughable sketch and those clever bar performers, the Brothers Artois, are also in the bill.

MISS VIRGINIA EARL, WHO MADE her London début as Phynette in "The Girl From Up There," at the Duke of York's, on Tuesday, the 23rd ult., was born in Cincinnati. She made her first appearance when thirteen years of age, in "Mikado."

AT THE CIRCUS RENDRANO, Paris, the world-famed Dunedin Troupe of Cyclists from Australia, who are acknowledged by the public and press to be the cleverest that has ever appeared in Paris, have just finished a two months' engagement. Next week they open at Havre, then in London.

AT THE QUEEN'S, POPLAR, THE variety portion of the programme numbers a very entertaining turn in Vesper, whose impersonations of great men are much appreciated. The changes are effected with lightning rapidity. Fred Maxwell and Co. are appearing in a sensational sketch, adapted from "The Polish Jew," entitled "Bells."

CHARLES WYNDHAM AND ARTHUR Bourchier will shortly produce a double bill of much interest at the Criterion Theatre. It consists of the revival of two plays of widely different range, the first being the miniature tragedy in one act entitled "Monsieur de Paris," by Alicia Ramsay and R. de Cordova, with Miss Violet Vanbrugh in her original creation of Jacinta, the executioner's daughter. It will be remembered that this little play caused a considerable stir on its production at the Royalty Theatre some five years ago. The second item on the Criterion programme will be Mr. Carton's comedy, "Wheels within Wheels," with Bourchier again as the irrepressible Jim Blagden, and Dion Boucicault, Eric Lewis, and Miss Compton in their original parts.

"THE GIRL FROM UP THERE" has no doubt settled down for a good long run. Miss Edna May as Olga, the ice maiden, is a charming character, and her voice and dainty delivery are extremely attractive; indeed, the piece is perfectly acted, both by principals and minors, and a lot of comic business is incorporated. Charles Aldrich as a burglar and lightning sketch artist, with conjuring as a side dish, is one of the successful hits, while Harry Conor as "a disagreeable man" displays much dry humour. Montgomery and Stone prove themselves knockabouts of a highly entertaining order, and many other clever people assist. The play is well staged, and excellent music, beautiful dresses and girls are to be found at the Duke of York's Theatre.

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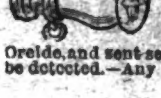

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